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Patrick Carney- partner in 7 ac downtown including Salem Center Mall, Movie Theater, Macy's...I oppose any and all of the proposed tax increases. The private sector lives within it's means, we have to make hard financial decisions every day. Government does not live in the real financial world...Just considering the increases on a percentage basis is comical. Government thinks there is a ENDLESS money pipeline from taxpayers and that is just not true. A policy government should consider is MORE business friendly policies that will in turn increase the existing tax base and more revenue. The tax base in Salem alone is hollowed out, on life support mainly due to the lack of accountability for the addict on the street. Government enables this wreckless behavior rather than demanding everyone be accountable for their actions. The special session is a joke- there is no leadership- If government was serious then this special session would address repealing measure 110 along with the catch and release SB. Salem could flourish if law and order was the priority...businesses would increase revenue which means more for the government. Increased taxes are not the answer. Layoffs are an option private businesses face every day. Government employees have better salaries & health care. It is insulting to get told we as private businesses are not paying enough.

Oregon was just voted the worst State to move to in the nation. A record fentanyl bust also put Salem on the national map. If government is not embarrassed by this then that is a telling sign they just don't care; it really appears they don't care.

Government needs to take a look in the mirror and either step aside or propose business friendly policies encouraging growth, safety, and an inviting state people want to live and stay with their families. Thank you Patrick