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There are times in wise government to reach out to your constituents for funding that actually reaches its goal. There are also times, as in this case, that you go back to your programs, high level management positions, unnecessary services that are outdated, etc. and cut out the deadwood. Just because there used to be needs for positions and management levels that are now antiquated, doesn't mean you keep funding them because 'we always have'.

Do the right thing and look in your own political backyard to clean up funding 'debris' and waste before you over-burden those who you are actually supposed to be serving. It's common knowledge here in America that serving people is the reason for government. Being a public servant means serving the people not taking from them to cover your own mismanagement of their funds. Take a page out of your current President's playbook and make changes to BENEFIT your people, not steal from them. You might be surprised at the support you'll receive from an over-whelming portion of this state. Have the courage to go against the powers that be who are pushing you to tax those you serve. INSTEAD make changes that close the gaping holes of financial bleeding for Oregon. After all, Governor Kotek, it's your personal integrity that's on the line here.