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To Whom it May Concern:

I find it particularly annoying any time the State of Oregon runs out of money, they come after the tax-paying citizen residents for more. I'm not opposed to paying my fair share. I am opposed to continuous increases in the percentage of my check the State seems to think they are entitled to.

I don't have a state-funded retirement, nor do I have a union protecting my rights.

I haven't had a real raise in over five years.

What I used to be able to do, I can no longer do because of the cost of living in this state.

Where do you draw the line?

Perhaps we should require all State Representatives to assume the responsibility of paying for their own retirement programs.

Perhaps we the people should shut off government-funded health care for State Representatives and their dependents.

Perhaps we should audit the books completely and find out why we never have enough money to cover the necessities for the state.

I am sick and tired of ever-inflating government needs eating my income. Before I would ever authorize an increase in taxes, I want a full audit of all uses of State tax revenues.

Or, collectively turn in your resignations and we'll start over with representatives who will do so.