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To the constituents that are supposed to represent the citizens of Oregon, I submit this testimony as a resident of Oregon and as a small business owner.

I've lived in Oregon the majority of my life, and have watched it slow decline, which pains my heart. It is become increasingly unaffordable and more and more difficult to run a small business in Oregon.

When I first moved here, I was excited about The idea that Oregonians loved too be unique and different and support individuals in their rights. I loved the idea that they were not about the government and truly were about the little guy.

Over the course of the last decades have watched that attitude slow slowly erode to the point now where people are having to choose between groceries and paying utility bills. Time and time again the decisions of the lawmakers have proven to be ineffective in solving crime, drug addiction, homelessness, and a plethora of other things that I won't go on to Name.

The last few years I've seen an exodus of residence from Oregon and particularly Portland. You will not be able to continue in this path and have any kind of livability in this beautiful state. I urge you to stop the madness in the spending. Find accountability where it needs to be, and prioritize, where this money goes to the benefit of the masses and not a few individuals.

The time is now.

Thank you.

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