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First of all I will admit I am angry. And let's settle one thing up front, the problem is not that I am angry but you are not! Any reasonable citizen should be angry at not being treated as a human being but as your "human resource". I am no one's resource! It is insulting and implies ownership. Taking the personal out of life it is the problem. I am tired of the endless, sky rocketing taxes!!!! The government NEVER fixes the problem. The society burdens are not lessened with more and more taxes turning the citizens into nothing more than slaves, but it increases it. Taking more of my income to create more high paying government positions to supposedly aide whatever crisis is seen for what it is, an opportunity to grow more government. Take the homeless issue; I cannot get services for a single 78 year old man who can no longer hold a job due to decreasing mental state (dementia). Income is \$1,268.00 in social security and rent is \$930.00, heat average \$118.00, insurance, cell phone leaves this man with \$136.00 for gas and FOOD! The government agencies are not efficient or organized! It is a crazy maze of waste. And what do you want to do? Tax the hell out of us. Enough. I would not vote for any tax increase regardless of what you would claim it would be used for. Our schools systems are among the very worst in the nation. There is no lack of money. No lack of taxes. There is no accountability and no efficiency with no intention of changing either!

Raising payroll taxes is absurd. Klamath Falls is not aided by the tax! Raising all of these taxes are passed on to the consumer. Making a horrible situation worse, not better. Well maybe for you all, but not those of us enslaved. You are not representing us. We are screaming at you, NO. You are ignoring the citizens. If you voted to pass any of these tax increase you should not be re-elected. It is a vicious circle, raise taxes, increase costs of goods and services, decrease jobs, increase homelessness. It is not as if you do not know this, so it is clear you do this with exactly that intent. Shame on all of you.

I was born and raised in Klamath Falls and although I love my community I just can't stomach the politics. There may not be any utopia but there are better places than this. Thank God we are leaving the state as we have lost our hope.