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Funding
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3991

I am writing you to ask you to stand with me and every other taxpayer who are fed up with our governor and her constant money grab with new taxes. I oppose HB3991.

As a transit driver who has spent the last several years working through the Covid pandemic and Alameda fires. I am now losing my job today due to the funding issues and our governor's stance on being a sanctuary state. That put our federal funds in jeopardy. I know how tough it is to go without. I'll lose my stability and ability to provide essentials for my family due to poor leadership particularly with money management by ODOT and its leaders. However, I will never agree that taking more money from already strapped taxpayers is the way to fix this issue.

I see how bad the state has been run. We are the 4th highest taxed state in the country. Yet our schools are so bad that we have to get rid of graduation testing because our children can't even do the basics required. We have some of the highest homeless rates and have wasted millions to fix the issue with no real solutions or fixes. We have made drugs legal which caused how many overdose deaths and then had to revert back to make them illegal. Nothing our governor has done has improved the state or made our life better. Then she wants more money to do what exactly?

To put it towards pet projects. Like the millions that Stabbin Wagon got to hand out drug kits including needles. To give almost a million to a daycare that had only 8 in its care. To give a theater in Portland a million so they could stay open.

ODOT only uses a very small portion of its funding for actual maintenance. A majority of the money goes elsewhere. They somehow lost a million. Then 4 ODOT employees were charging chainsaws to company credit cards and selling them. Stealing 6 million in ODOT funds. Yet somehow, they are still eligible for their pensions. ODOT gives money to Trimet who in turn gives 30k to illegals to buy their first home. I imagine if a full audit was done on all ODOT funds as well as funds for illegals and homeless etc we would find many more issues with the budget.

We have plenty of available funds just take away the 15 million Kotek set aside to fight Trump regarding illegals. Take away the funding for transitioning people and from the homeless projects and DEI and woke grants. Bring back the basics. Our tax dollars should go to the important issues Like police and fire and road maintenance.

Our gas tax is already too high. It cost me over \$5 a gallon for diesel. I pay almost \$200 to fill up. My cost of electric has doubled due to our govenor allowing rate hikes one after another. Cost of living is through the roof due to our states poor leadership. Now she wants more. More gas tax and higher registration fees. Not to mention she wants to allow a commitee to raise prices without a vote by the people whenever they feel like it. Nothing about this bill is good for the people of Oregon. It will make more companies leave the state and more hard-working people leave as well. Eventually there will be nothing left in Oregon if people don't stand up against these issues.

So do the right thing. Say enough. Vote NO or stay home.

Fight for Oregonians!

Sincerely,
Meloney Robles