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Dear State Representatives,

I am a retired Stae manager that saw first hand the waste in Oregon State Government. I get that government has to be somewhat inefficient or there would be a danger of it taking over. That ineffectual system protects us all from run-away government. Today you are faced with a choice, look internally and find cuts that will not impact operations and live within your means or force billions in new taxes on a taxpayer base that is struggling to survive. More and more people are giving up and going on benefit programs because they cannot get ahead of the constantly increasing taxes. At some point we will reach a tipping point where our economy cannot survive. I encourage each of you to get a red pen out and look for savings within your existing budgets. Cut programs that are not 100% mission focused. Oregons spend money on nice to do items but our budget only can support the necessities. We must tighten the government belt because we cannot afford to pay more. If you do, you will force more of us into homelessness, benefit programs and the streets. Please do what we do when you expenses exceed you income, cut back. Thank you for your time.

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