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We must adjust the kicker to be able to fund services in our state! Our schools are drowning in students with increased needs and yet we are forcing them into larger and larger classes. We have to fund ODOT. We cannot keep sending money back to our citizens when our basic government services aren't being funded.

We need stable funding for the general fund so our schools are not constantly being asked to cut down to bare bones staffing. Our children should have wonderful schools that are rich learning environments and instead we have huge class sizes, hardly any specialists and parents are consently being asked to fundraise.

I'm calling on all our lawmakers to speak out loudly in favor of this bill and pass it into law. As the federal "Big Beautiful Bill" legislation starts to take effect, Oregon's General Fund will require a solid foundation, and the current Kicker is a perpetual crack in that foundation. Let's have a revenue prediction system that ensures investment in our children and our state.

Thank you,

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