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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4125

I write to strongly OPPOSE HB 4125 as this is a rush to grab tax payer funds through changing the “Kicker Law” approved by Oregonians. This is a rush without thorough analysis and bipartisan work to look at alternative options for funding; e.g. reduce spending, audit state departments for fraud, etc.

Oregon does not have a revenue issue; it has a SPENDING issue. Any elected officials failing to acknowledge this statement following the Referendum against the Democrat passed Transportation Bill that resulted in over 250,000 signatures in 38 days is failing themselves as they are not working on behalf of Oregonians.

Oregon continues to raise taxes and fees which leads to more businesses leaving Oregon at an alarming rate. This is a failure of the Democrat super majority policies, and passing HB 4125 would be one more failure harming hardworking Oregonians and their families who are left “holding up the economy with tax dollars” due to failed Democrat policy. Stop this abusive political environment.

The House Committee on Revenue has a responsibility to oppose this bill given the State of Oregon has not met their duty and responsibility in auditing Oregon department spending that would reduce fraud and corruption, has not focused on spending tax funds on primary Department mission and priorities, has not reduced the tax burden on Oregonians and businesses to support an economy that is equitable and sustainable, and so much more. The “Kicker” was passed by Oregonians as a result of the State of Oregon not fulfilling these duties and needs to remain as the people approved.

For these and many more reasons, I urge you to vote in OPPOSITION of HB 4125.