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Oregon has NEVER had a sales tax and never should. Until our legislature and governor can show the people that they know how to spend money within their means they need to quit coming to the people for money with their hands out . We currently have some of the worst out comes in the nation, 25 years ago we were ranked in the middle for dollars spent for a given outcome across the board. Now we're near the bottom in most cases. As with all things the government does anymore it seems that you guys have forgotten that the people are not a bottomless wallet of funds. You are driving businesses out of the state faster than you are bringing in new businesses with onerous taxes and regulations. Our education system used to turnout some of the best graduates in the world. Now we are near the bottom in just the USA. Despite spending more money and lowering standards! Also governments are noted for NEVER reducing a tax once implemented. IE the state of Washington in the early 70"s was about 3 1/2 % sales tax now they are at upwards of 9%. plus asking for more.

In closing just as a reminder King George was heading down the path of more taxes and regulations with colonist in 1775 and remember we revolted in 1776. This is our 250th anniversary as a nation. So please do not pass this bill.

Regards

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