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I STRONGLY OPPOSE LEGISLATIVE STEALING.

Claims that Oregon cannot afford the kicker is a lie. The kicker isn't state money - it's an overcharge. The state wants to overspend to make us think it's theirs to spend. Oregon ranks among the highest per-capita spending states in the country and has more resources than the majority of other states. So why does the state block exploration of resources?

It's time special interest groups get off their duff and go out and fund raise and support themselves. Public money was never intended to fund unnecessary projects. Audit reports consistently document waste, mismanagement, and failures approaching a billion dollars across state agencies. The core issue is not insufficient revenue, but rather a lack of spending discipline and accountability.

Before you come asking for more money, no matter the source, clean house, and regain our respect.