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I am a Portland resident and a federal employee. On my very first day on the job, I had to swear an oath to protect my country, as represented by the US Constitution, from all enemies foreign AND domestic. That absolutely includes defending our state from unlawful actions coming from a corrupt and unchecked executive. We owe a duty to protect and support each other from the bullies in the current administration. If we hold any value in the foundational governing principles of our state and our nation, we are required to act boldly to protect and uphold the rule of law, and to ensure we are ALL afforded the rights and protections enshrined within them.

Since the Supreme Court ruling in Citizens United, money has been held equivalent to speech. As such, acting to withhold state monies to replace legally mandated federal funding is a powerful and necessary method of using our collective voices to stand against the illegal and unjust actions of this administration.