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Oregon does not have a revenue problem. It has a spending problem.

We already have the Corporate Activity Tax, which operates like a hidden sales tax built into the price of everyday goods. Businesses do not absorb that cost. It gets passed directly to families at the checkout line. Changing the name does not change who pays.

Adding a state sales tax on top of income taxes, property taxes, fuel taxes, and the CAT would place even more pressure on working families, retirees on fixed incomes, and small businesses trying to stay afloat. It is the familiar pattern of asking for just a little more, and it never stops at a little.

If the state wants an honest discussion about a sales tax, then it must include a full repeal of the state income tax and the Corporate Activity Tax. It must be revenue neutral, with no double taxation, no backdoor layering, and no temporary taxes that become permanent.

Anything less is not reform. It is expansion of government at the expense of the people.

Vote no on creeping sales tax schemes. Oregonians should not be treated like an ATM every time the state overspends.