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On Behalf Of: Concerned and Angry citizen
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1507

Dear Senators,

I can't begin to express my anger and disappointment when I saw SB1507 introduced in this session. The voters have REPEATEDLY voted down a sales tax in Oregon. You are wasting your time even discussing this subject as the voters will certainly vote it down again. I would like to see our legislature concentrate on cutting waste, exposing fraud, addressing crime, etc.,. Instead, every session seems to be a race to see who can impose more taxes and fees on Oregon citizens so the State can spend wildly and wastefully. I can tell you that my family is completely tapped out. We can no longer afford to buy what we want at the grocery store, nor can we afford a yearly vacation. We can no longer afford to indulge ourselves at all. There is nothing left to take from us. I will not be voting to increase any fees or taxes unless they are related to fire or law enforcement. We have had to pare our lives down to pay to live in this overpriced state. (My family came here on the Oregon Trail. Oregon has always been our home) It's time that our State takes some time to look at current programs that our tax dollars are paying for that may be outdated or just aren't working and eliminate them to come up with more money for your budget. As you should now realize from the public's reaction to the huge gas tax bill of 2025, the subject of taxing our citizens to their breaking point has become totally non-partisan. I collected signatures for that referendum, and there was overwhelming support from both Republicans and Democrats. We are watching you more carefully than ever, and I hope we find in our next election that the people will hold all of you accountable who keep pushing us beyond our limitations by voting you out of office. Please use your skills to eliminate wasteful spending and audit our current programs for waste and fraud. This sales tax bill is doing nothing more than making Oregon citizens furious. Please reject this bill.