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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1507

I am absolutely OPPOSED to SB 1507! Please vote 'NO'.

Voters in Oregon have said 'NO' loud and clearly to a sales tax at least 10 times now. Democrats don't need a new tax, they need hearing aids and a good dose of respect for constituents and residents of the state of Oregon.

This bill has the appearance of extortion with perhaps of bait and switch thrown in for good measure. It is a 'Blank Check' for the Democrats 'Super Majority' to go hog wild with.

The bill does away with the estate 'death tax' BUT only,

"(2) Only if:

(a) A retail sales tax on goods and services imposed at a rate of at least three percent is enacted and has commenced collection statewide in Oregon on or before..."

Note some telling language, "...imposed at a rate of AT LEAST THREE PERCENT".

I have no doubt, based on Democrats past performance (just look at the transportation tax bill), that the 3% will be 8 to 15% in a very few short years.

Oregonians have voted down a sales tax at least 10 times. Will we have to do another Petition drive or are the Democrats going to listen this time?

Kill this bill in committee.