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Greetings:

Taxation? State government needs to be reformed. Useless programs and a retirement program that bankrupts the state. The State should do what private business does when things get difficult, they take pay cuts or reduce unneeded positions. Oregon is too focused on government regulations. Oregon is rated as one of worst tax states. Is our goal to be the worst rated? Large employers have left Oregon, and more are poised to do the same. Who will be left to pay these taxes when people and business leave and so many people who do move to Oregon are on entitlement programs and don't contribute anything? Is anybody in State government looking ahead and asking these questions? A state sales tax would equalize what residents pay in taxes, but I have no faith that the other taxes would be reduced. Something must change. Sacrifices need to be made but our governor does not want to budge and make better decisions. Leadership in Oregon for the last decade is causing us to fall further into debt and a state that people are leaving as they can. Oregon has become a joke to the rest of the country. When I moved to Oregon in 1971 the state was more fiscally responsible. People loved to be able to live here. That is no longer the case. The crime, homelessness problem and companies leaving the state have made Oregon that is now a joke.