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On Behalf Of:

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THE CITIZENS OF OREGON HAVE SAID "NO ON SB1599"

To the supposed elected members of the 83rd Legislative Assembly of Oregon. I am a native Oregonian who was born here in Portland at the VA hospital in 1971. I have spent most of my life in this state as she is my home. I have watched the Democrats through one bad policy after another bring this state down. The citizens of Oregon told you NO on SB-1599, now you are going to go around us again. The corruption in this state by Democrats in total control for the last 20 years just continues at break neck speed. With the corruption of former Governors such as (improper relationships, financial gains for family members, to ethics issues) committed by Goldschmidt, Kitzhaber, Brown and yes Kotek to name a few which is public record for all to see.

The Democrats keep proving they cannot keep their hands out of the citizens wallets and continue to find ways to steal our money. Our state used to be ranked roughly 44th for taxes in 1998 and now it's ranked 6th with no end in sight of having a balanced budget and controlled spending. The Democrats love to blame Republicans for all the problems but Republicans have no power in this state, it's Democrats. The Democrats prove they are not to be trusted or believed due to their own party's history (Jim Crowe, Slavery, KKK, etc) which they constantly lie about and blames other's for their faults.

If Democrats truly wanted to bring in more money for the state, they would bring in jobs through energy such as the cleanest form of energy in Nuclear power. The technology has improved beyond belief in the last 40 years which the state should harness but due to state leaders fear and lack of knowledge they ban it. We should be using more natural gas, clean burning coal (which technology has also greatly improved), more hydro power, bring in oil refineries to reduce gas prices at the pump and to once again logging our own forests responsibly. If Oregon leaders would do these things, the state would be bring in more revenue and be able to reduce taxes not raise them.

I have written to in the past Sen Merkley, Rep Bonamici, Rep Dexter offices with the generic responses from the staffs of Bonamici and Dexter saying thank you for contacting our office. At least Sen Merkley gave a little more in response with thank you but I disagree with you and that was it. The Democrats and yes Republicans too have to remember you work for the citizens of this State not yourselves or some foreign entities. YOU'RE duties are to this state and no one else.

Thank you all for your time, again NO on SB-1599 has it's bad for Oregonian's.

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