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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR201

I am writing to OPPOSE SJR201, trying to change the Oregon constitution and take money out of the kicker program to fund schools and other initiatives. Oregon citizens are seeking better education outcomes in K-12 programs, but adding additional money from our kicker isn't the answer. I urge the legislature to work within the already large budgets provided (or less given many families choice to not use the public system) instead of thinking more money will make things better. Administrative positions have grown in number considerably over the last several years not adding value directly to the students. I'd encourage a thoughtful look at how to restructure the current programs and administration to work within the current budgets. Our constitution requires the kicker refund and many families, including my own rely on this to ease our excessive tax burden. Please make decisions that align with the Oregon constitution.