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As I have been reading the statements submitted about this measure, I was struck by the sentiments of folks opposing the measure. They noted that we needed to "Do the Right Thing" and "We Don't Blackmail." I agree. We don't blackmail and we do the right thing. This bill does not advocate or encourage our elected officials to use blackmail or to do the wrong thing. We elect them to protect Oregonians and make hard decisions about how to do advocate our well being.

Our nation is now being ruled by a man who does blackmail and attempt to punish states that will not allow him to dictate what states do and how they do it. He uses blackmail by withholding funds approved by Congress to help States care for the needs of their people. This bill, HB 4143, responds to his unconstitutional behavior and gives our State another tool to protect the interests of Oregonians. Our Attorney General is doing his part to protect our rights. It is now time this Legislature to do its part and just say no to the President's threats and attempts to blackmail Oregon. Pass this bill and stand your ground. Oregonians stand strong for the rights of our State and the rights of our people.