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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Human Services
Measure: HB4079

Hon. Committee Members,

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to HB 4079. The very last thing Oregon families need during this trying time for everyone - between the stresses and economic hardships of the pandemic and the rising inflation which is curtailing the buying power of hardworking folks - is a 3% sales tax. If the state income tax is not enough for this bloated state government, then it's time to tighten the belt of government, not to ask the people who fund it to tighten theirs.

In addition, and of equal importance, the object of the tax, debit cards for the homeless, will make Oregon an even more irresistible magnet than it already is for ne'er-do-wells, professional loafers, drug addicts and the mentally ill. As things stand, our cities are crammed with camps and busted-down caravans full of disheveled, dirty and manic individuals who steal, block the entrances of small businesses and intimidate pedestrians with their erratic behavior. The proposed debit cards can only make matters worse.

If you care in the least for the welfare of the productive, law abiding and struggling citizens and businesses that power our beautiful state, you will kill HB 4097.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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