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On Behalf Of: Tax paying Oregonians and US citizens
Committee: House Committee On Human Services
Measure: HB4079

Dear Legislators,

I write to you today as an employed tax paying U.S. citizen and an Oregonian, a married father of 3, a veteran who has fought for this country and your ability to be sitting in your chair a free person (maybe not so much the last 2 years) thinking about taking more of my hard earned money from my family. This is not okay with me and most Oregonians. Every time a sales tax is put on the ballot WE THE PEOPLE vote it down overwhelmingly. We do not want sales taxes in this state. I urge you to vote NO on HB-4079 and stop this foolishness and constant reach for more of our hard earned money.

So what are we talking talking about here? This bill establishes a 3% sales tax to fund \$750 monthly debit cards to the homeless and people under the poverty level. The sales tax would hit targeted items like electronic goods, computers, cell-phones, handbags, jewelry, hunting rifles and even clothing, in an undefined amount.

There is discussion in the Capitol that this sales tax would be shifted from homeless and poor to just micro-targeted people like pregnant women and foster homes. Once passed with 60% vote it only takes 50% to raise the tax or expand what it covers, which is the full intent of making it low to pass it.

This bill establishes the Oregon Freedom Pilot Program Fund and continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Department of Human Services for purpose of implementing Oregon Freedom Pilot Program. Provides for general administration, collection and enforcement of taxes by Department of Revenue. Raising new taxes before removing special corporate welfare afforded to large companies if overtaxing one group of businesses while lavishing tax breaks to another is unfair.

The Oregon state government is already the 4th fattest and 4th biggest state spending state government in America as measured by per-person spending. This is on top of the billion surplus they stashed into a slush fund last year that could be used. Offering monthly \$750 debit cards to people (homeless, pregnant, etc), will attract people from out of state, just like other welfare benefits have done. The Atlantic Magazine called Oregon a "Welfare Utopia". We are famous nationwide for our welfare benefits. This is overwhelming our social services, charities, and local governments, and is forcing government to raise taxes even higher.

We the people do not consent to this and do not want the Oregon state government

further expanding our nanny state and taking more of our hard earned money for the sake of this lunacy called equity. We do not want to be California where the states population keeps leaving it because out of control tyrannical government officials keep running it into the ground. Get your hands out of our pockets and stop taking money from our families. I urge you to vote NO on HB-4079, WE THE PEOPLE do not want more taxes!! Thank you.

Sincerely,
Chad Kernutt
Albany, Oregon
IN GOD WE TRUST (not government)