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Please reject HB 4079 as a misguided attempt to solve a problem without addressing underlying issues that cause the problem. This is a bill that will do far more harm than it will do good.

This misguided effort to deal with a problem by taxing working families would only exacerbate the problem by increasing funds funneled to drug cartels, by disincentivizing work and adding additional pressure to shutter small businesses trying to find employees, and by increasing the attractiveness of Oregon as a destination for those who would rather live on drugs, handouts, and free passes for criminal activity rather than by work and contribution to healthy communities.

Oregon already ranks #1 in its income tax burden over all other states in the U.S. according to a study released in January, 2022, evaluating each state's 2021 tax burden. To add another tax to the heavy burden already carried by Oregonians would be not only unconscionable in light of the almost unprecedented rise in the cost of food and housing for all Oregonians, but also ineffective at addressing the underlying problems causing more and more people to camp on the streets of our state.

In addition, the introduction of a sales tax is the proverbial slippery slope that Oregonians have repeatedly rejected for years, knowing well that government never says "Enough!" and that the likelihood of ever-increasing and ever-broadening sales taxes would loom on the horizon forever.

Reject HB 4079, a bill that punishes Oregon's hard-working families without solving any of Oregon's problems.