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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Human Services

Measure: HB4079

I strongly oppose HB 4079. Establishing any sort of sales or "luxury" tax is a bad idea. Not only is the scope of the tax likely to creep, taxing items that are considered by some to be "luxury" or are unpopular is simply demagoguery and there is no place for that in rational and fair government.

In addition, the concept and purpose for the tax is economically counterproductive and fosters poor stewardship. A monthly stipend to low income families is not a good idea, no matter where the money comes from as it enables people to be less productive and to live beyond their means.

A much better approach to help low income people would be to enact measures to limit inflation and keep costs down. The "Inflation Tax" is hurting all of us, especially the poor very hard as gas, food, housing costs, and yes, even taxes are all up significantly, even while wages might be up they cannot keep up!

Again please kill this bill and this concept!

Thank You.

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