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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure: SJR26

Dear Senators,

I urge you to oppose SJR 26, which seeks to eliminate the kicker. This money belongs to the people, not the government.

These are hard earned dollars belong to the people that earned them through the fruit of their labors. It is trying to see the constant earnestness to keep people's over-taxed funds as a government entitlement rather than working within your budgets. It is unconscionable to keep this tax surplus.

The kicker represents unanticipated tax revenue, which hardworking Oregonians need more than state budget writers. State forecasts estimate a 44% increase in available money over the next ten years. That's plenty of growth.

If allowed to keep unanticipated tax revenue, legislators would face tremendous pressure to spend it all. Such spending would be unsustainable, however, and calls for tax increases would occur as soon as revenue leveled off or dropped.

Please exercise fiscal restraint and support hardworking Oregonians. Oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

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