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Already, Oregon levies on its citizens some of the highest taxes in the country.

Additionally:

Overall month-over-month inflation is high.

Real estate costs are very high.

Rent — high.

Food — very high.

Utilities — high.

Fuel and transportation — high.

Vehicle and property insurance — already high, and going higher.

Overall, Oregon is already one of the most expensive states in which to reside.

Repealing the Oregon Kicker check is a vote to further exacerbate an already financially tenuous outlook for a majority of Oregon's citizenry.

A vote to repeal is a vote to push ever more Oregonians — already living at the brink of financial collapse — into a dire homeless situation ... adding to an already impressive number of homeless crowding our state.

If you push more and more of YOUR middle- and lower-middle-class tax base toward "the bottom", YOU effectively compromise Oregon's future tax revenue.

The State of Oregon should be doing EVERYTHING IT CAN to really, truly, and genuinely PROMOTE THE GROWTH of the aforementioned classes.

EMPOWER Oregon's citizenry to be more productive. More "earning". More prosperous — and the state will prosper, too.

Retain the Kicker. And lower taxes while you're at it.