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On Behalf Of: Producers who pay more than their share of taxes

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Please do not raid the kicker tax refund as it is one of very few programs which has an inkling of fairness to highly productive taxpayers. As a 73 year old taxpayer who has always believed in productivity and an abundance of hard work and effort to achieve ones desired life style I am offended by a particular political party's antics of presenting bills to voters that allow less productive voters to vote to tax higher productive voters while they themselves are not affected with higher or excessive taxation themselves as a result of their vote. I am a native Oregonian who has witnessed this method of so called leadership which has created a large population of entitlement mentality citizens who vote for others to pay for their entitlements rather than put forth effort themselves. The Portland and metropolitan areas were a much more pleasant and sustainable environment to enjoy before a particular political party learned to build its voter base with entitlements at the expense of producers who believe in working for a living versus voting for a living.