

Submitter: Elaine Woods

Committee: Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue

Measures: SJR 26, SB 774, SB 502

Chair Meek, Vice Chair Senator Boquist, Senator Lynn Findley, Sen. Jeff Golden, and Sen. Kayse Jama:

I strongly oppose SJR 26, SB 774 and SB 502. I object to the attempt to change the Oregon Constitution and eliminate returning surplus revenue to personal income taxpayers. I urge you to **vote NO on SJR 26, SB 774 AND SB 502.**

Section 14 of Article IX of the Oregon Constitution was included in our state constitution for the purpose of holding legislators accountable to plan wisely and not over tax the people of Oregon. Eliminating the kicker paid by the taxpayers of Oregon, or changing the way it is distributed in order to create a new government agency, is especially egregious behavior this year, as the legislature has greatly overcharged the people by raising taxes unnecessarily and collecting much more revenue than expected.

I object to the legislators continuing to write harmful, unconstitutional and lawless bills to the detriment of the people of Oregon. These things are done in order to allow you to recklessly spend the money and resources given to you – or taken from – the people of Oregon.

Your plan is stealing from the people during a time of rising inflation and higher taxation. Audits have indicated that there is a great need for better oversight, as millions have been sent to people wrongly, misplaced or stolen. Until oversight is tightened, spending is controlled, and government agencies can rightly handle the money that is collected, you need to follow current law and maintain returning surplus funds to the people of Oregon.

I OPPOSE SJR 26, SB 774 AND SB 502 and urge you to **VOTE NO on SJR 26, SB 774 and SB 502.** We will be watching your vote and will act accordingly in the upcoming elections.

Sincerely,

Elaine Woods, Beaverton