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The Portland and Eugene metropolitan administrators created a a huge safety problem for Business and Residents. They defunded the police and refuse to prosecute criminal activity. They redirected revenue, formerly used to prevent crime, to art and social programs, making things worse! Now they are unwilling to manage their problem. Worse, they want the uninvolved rest of us to foot the bill! If Portland and Eugene want to pay the cost on this, more power to them. However, those outside the failing counties should not be taxed to pay for the malfeasance of others. This is unfair and unjust.

This proposed tax will pose an unfair burden on Oregon's seniors, those on fixed incomes, and the low income citizens. This is unfair and unconscionable. We expect our legislators work for the good of all citizens and protect the least of us. Clearly, this proposal is at odds with that.

Finally, there is no guarantee that the money raised will I be spent as advertised. We've learned the hard way that tax money is fungible. It will likely be spent on other things...

Don't do this, please don't fail us yet again.