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Response

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Stop the endless taxation on Oregonians. We have some of the highest state taxes in the COUNTRY. Particularly in the metro area, we are taxed millions of dollars to support similar efforts as the tax revenues here plan to spend on. Make use, or better use, of the money you are already getting from the citizens of the state instead of introducing a new way to take money from our pockets and from the pockets of our businesses. I was born and have ever lived in Oregon, but more and more I feel unwelcome in my own state for a variety of reasons, but the endless requests for more money from state and local governments is one of them. In particular, when the additional money we pay in various taxes shows no tangible results, is moved around and spent on other initiatives, or results in mismanagement and scandal.

We can't fund PERS, ODOT is running out of money, Portland is riddled with potholes despite having a pothole tax on gasoline, we have the metro SHS tax, 9% income tax, existing tax on alcohol, tax on the lottery, the list goes on and on. There are bigger fish to fry for our state and local government. I urge you to focus our existing dollars and your energy to figure out how to solve those first.