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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety
Response

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3197

I am writing today in opposition to House Bill 3197.

After attending last night's hearing on this bill. We can all agree there is a need for funding to go to mental health in this state. But we also so saw and heard repeatedly about the waste and mismanagement of funds currently available. We also saw that the committee to look into additional taxes on the beer, wine and cider producers didn't recommend a tax increase last year. Due to binge drinking, youth drinking and alcohol sales are all down to record lows.

But again here we are asking for money, with no attempt or oversight into what is happening with the funds currently available. Residents and business in this state are not the government's ATM. We are taxed more than most states and get little out of the tax dollars we send in. Taxes are not only driving people away from Oregon but also driving businesses away. It's time for Oregonians to see that the state can manage and oversee our hard earned tax dollars get used correctly. With oversight and efficiency, making sure those funds go to correct places to help. Not lost in mismanagement or just lost all together as we have also seen.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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