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As a native Oregonian who has been a major force in the concert and ticketing industry for over 50 years i support any serious effort to stop the insidious behavior of those who are profiting from secondary market ticket selling. this is an ongoing rip off of consumers that has become progressively worse. It is further enabled by the behavior of Live Nation/Ticketmaster which has literally furthered the art of illicitly increasing ticketing costs to consumers on a major scale. I have personally testified with the federal government and the State of Oregon in the anti-trust case vs that company. Between them and various other secondary market sellers it has become an ongoing, persistent, and despicable practice that artificially raises the price of concert and event tickets to a scale that is to say the least extravagant and in my opinion criminal. The damage to the consumer is in the billions of dollars every year, and in Oregon many millions. Hopefully the Federal Govt will act, but in the meantime the State of Oregon has the right idea to lead the way. Sincerely, David Leiken, Pres DTL, Inc dba DoubleTee Concerts.