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To whom it may concern,

The number of taxes we Oregonians are forced to pay should be considered extortion in the highest degree. I do not see any solid evidence that our tax dollars are being used responsibly. I have 10 year olds in my Sunday school class who cannot read, our infrastructure is crumbling, housing is a complete joke, and there seems to be zero accountability. Throwing more money at a problem does not fix the problem until the root of the issue is addressed. Poor financial management is to blame. The residents of Oregon have had to tighten their spending and evaluate what is necessary and what is not. Like my household, many Oregonians face financial hardships which forces them to make cutbacks in their personal spending. Oregon's government should be doing the same. Raising taxes on Oregon's already struggling families will not fix the problem if the problem is over spending, Cut spending first, reevaluate what is absolutely necessary and then cut spending again.