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To whom it may concern:

As we enter a new era in our Republic, we are also seeing increased prices for almost everything in Oregon. As a lifelong citizen of Oregon, I see nothing but financial hardship for my family and many others, some of whom are living on fixed incomes. I've worked all my life, since I was a sprout of 8 years old on my parents' farm; as my husband worked for his father. When it came time for retirement, we envisioned plans to do what we had been putting off for years, but that notion is now kaput. There is no way we can keep our bills paid, pay for the basics, utilities, GAS, medical treatments, insurance, things that people usually purchase as responsible adults, and do the fun things we envisioned. I'm a frugal person but these new taxes are not sustainable. The Greater Idaho split cannot occur soon enough, for us. As we already have little to no voice in the once great State of Oregon, I am using this opportunity to speak for many when I say, this is NOT affordable for the taxpayers, seniors, retirees, et al., in this state! The young folks just starting out as adults will be slammed with huge costs, not just in real estate dealings but in their daily lives. My property is paid for, after working 4 jobs at one time to pay it off quickly. I will not figure losing my home as a retired senior, after working for 60 years, is in my future. There is only so much money available for propoerty tax increases, pie in the sky legislative plans and bills, (and bills we are not able to vote upon!), price hikes on food, gas, electricity.

The basics for a person to live a decent life must come first! NO MORE TAXES! Oregon has a huge spending problem! This is YOUR job, to keep the state financial budget under control. Not just to put a new tax notion in someone's head and grab, grab, grab from the taxpayers! WE are YOUR employers! Do YOUR JOBS. Or we can fire you! This state is a beautiful state, but also an embarassment for the anti-citizen stance the government takes. As the late Merle Haggard sings, "We're going downhill on a snowball, headed for hell."

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