

I have been an Oregonian since birth and I remember how wonderful and beautiful our state once was. Our forest lands were some of the best in the world, our roads were nicely paved and the counties were rich with beauty, no homeless, the state hospital kept the challenged people clean, fed and off the streets. There was no garbage on the streets or the sides of the roads and the forest lands were planted with new trees and cleared of brush. Oregon was flourishing. Since the late 80's into where we are today our streets are over run with filth and homeless people that need help, drug addiction, protesters and criminals. The forest lands are burning down and the government is an absolute mess. I was proud to be called an Oregonian. Now I am embarrassed. Embarrassed of how the government is now being run by one sided political views. It seem both Governor's Kotec and Brown, plus half the politicians, don't seem to care about the people who live in our state, only about themselves and their own political agenda's. You keep taking and taking, but never seem to give back. It's a control issue and it is being noticed by every individual who lives in our once beautiful state. Politics was neutral and every side was listened to and taken into account of how to solve issues. Now it seems it's one sided and no one plays nice and no one listens to reason or logic anymore, because being sensible isn't a thing anymore. The crazier the better, or so it seems.

If this bill passes, we will become California. Californian's are moving out of their state because no one can afford to live there anymore. They keep getting hit with more and more taxes, but nothing seems to be getting done. The streets of California are lined with homeless people, drugs and crime. The only pockets that are being lined are to those who are running the state. If this bill is passed, more and more people will be put on the streets just like California and we are already experiencing the impact of that in Portland, Eugene, Salem and Albany. The problems we are already facing will not be fixed and our State will crumble. The only reason you are taxing us to high heaven is the fact that you will not take federal funding from a President who is trying to help fix our once great nation to get back on it's feet again and out from under other Nation's choke hold. So because of the Governor's political stance of being a Sanctuary State, the pockets you are emptying is from every already struggling Oregonian? From our kicker, to this horrendous bill and the money we use for recycling our cans.

I have a question, where is all the money that we are already shelling out going?? This bill should be voted on by every Oregonian, not just by a bunch of one sided politicians. If this bill were presented by vote to Oregonians it will be shut down in a heartbeat, and every time you amend it, it will still get shut down. That's why you won't let Oregonians vote on this. Half the things that go through the state should be voted on by Oregonians, but instead things get passed right under our noses with no say in the matter. We are tired of paying paying, paying, and not seeing the benefits of all these bills being passed.

I am a single woman, I own my own home and I pay for all my own bills. I have no help, but by the looks of my future I will be working well into my 70's, because if I don't I will not make it financially. I can't imagine starting a family in today's society. Our already high property taxes will be going up, food prices will go up because of the gas hike from taxes, roads won't get fixed and then you will tax us all just to drive (I'm assuming that's probably in the works as well), and finally when things aren't getting fixed, because the money isn't being monitored, you will seek more ways to tax and tax some more. I CAN'T afford this and neither can a lot of Oregonians. You do this you sink us all. Not just a couple thousand, but all of us! You will see an up-tic of more and more people moving out of our state, just like California. It will be a mad rush to get the hell out of this state because we can no longer afford to live here and are tired of the corruption!