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As a small business owner in Portland, I vehemently oppose this tax Bill and it's disguised intentions. Without discussing things unrelated to our operations specifically, let me elaborate as to how short sided this approach is and how ignorant the debate is. Every additional dollar spent on tolls, new taxation schemes, and fee's for our business is one less dollar going to an individual or family we may be able to employ. Not only that, our employees, now share in that burden when they travel to work as every road around us is now a toll road. Now my clients, who are already feeling the economic pinch, will have to take on the additional taxes to pay for our services. Without any inspiring economic data showing major GDP returning to the area, the downtown real estate sector losing 60% of its value in 10 years, and more construction theft and homeless issues than anyone is willing to admit how could anyone living in an objective reality think that this is the time to add additional tax burden on Portlanders so that you may keep your bloated bureaucratic salaries?

As a clear and undeniable example of how things could be done more efficiently without the heavy weight of a government budget and staffing scheme let's take "Pre-School for All". Instead of taxing the rich to give to the theoretical poor why not set create a negative income tax year for anyone who has a child within the age range of the program. There would be no need for additional administrators (maybe a couple tax personnel for a few days to set things up) as the rebate would be to any eligible family's state income tax payment and if they don't have a payment larger than the annual allocation per child they get a check to use towards child care. This targeted approach would eliminate any and all administrators with brick and mortar offices, prevent abuses of the system through a simple tax audit, and put FREE CHOICE back into every Portland parents hand. Instead, the State mandates how this is carried out in a failing manner that subjects all families to additional taxation and fee schemes. This is a Socialist joke that leads to political and societal cannibalism where everyone is enslaved to everyone and we all slowly consume one another. Rich vs poor as you'd have everyone believe, instead of hand's up it's hand out's.

NO ONE SPENDS SOMEONE ELSE'S MONEY AS WISELY AS THEY SPEND THEIR OWN! - Milton Friedman

THE MOST DANGEROUS THING IN THIS WORLD IS WILLFUL IGNORANCE AND CONSCIOUS STUPIDITY - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. - Don't be ignorant, read a book and repeal this Bill!