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Hello,

My name is Sarah Anderson. I was born and raised in Oregon, and I want to be able to enjoy everything this state has to offer for the rest of my life. But more and more, I feel like our representatives are no longer listening to the people they were elected to serve.

Legislation like this leaves me questioning how our government cannot operate within the funds it already receives. Why must every corner of our lives be taxed? Why does it feel like every dollar is being squeezed from us, with little transparency or accountability in return?

We don't see where the money goes. We don't see clear, responsible budgeting. And we certainly don't see common sense behind many of these proposals. What we do see, and feel, is the financial strain. And we are telling you: we've had enough. We can't afford more taxes, and we shouldn't have to.

At this point, I'm almost surprised there isn't a fee just to submit public testimony. And sadly, we know it's only a matter of time before new funds are redirected toward pet projects with little oversight.

Look at what's happened in Portland. It's becoming a warning sign for the rest of the state. What happens when there's no one left to tax? When people leave? Oregon will become a shadow of what it once was... a place people loved but could no longer afford to live in.

It's disheartening to watch such a beautiful state be dragged down by poor leadership. I'm disappointed in our representatives. I'm disappointed that so many of you act as though you answer to no one, not even the citizens you're supposed to represent.

You may not realize it now, but the next generation is watching. They see what their parents are going through. And they will remember. When you push even your last supporters away, who will be left to defend you?

A frustrated Oregonian,  
Sarah Anderson