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The legislature of the State of Oregon obviously is not the place where honest, hard working, fiscally responsible citizens of Oregon occupy leadership positions. Who is leading the legislature? This is an honest, heartfelt question. It seems that the interests of the hard working folks who pay the taxes here are being ignored by whomever it is that is occupying the positions of 'lawmaker' in the halls of the capitol in Salem. Your obvious preference for issues to provide funding for, or to add taxation elements to, do not take into account that people who work and pay taxes are the owners of the dollars that they earned. As a respectful reminder to those of you who would take away the 'kicker' rebate that we the people have been over-taxed of, that is our money. Not yours. It is not your decision whether or not to return the excess taxed dollars to us. You may first consider how to set your fiscal house in order. Prioritize, honestly, please. Can you do that? First action - remove the categorization of 'SANCTUARY' state in regards to the is State of Oregon, from your minds. Secondly, remove the concept of 'support' that you believe is due to the folks that you allow to be in this state in that category that you provide "SANTURARY" to. You'd likely save enough there to begin to fix roads, maintain an honest state Police force. And, have \$\$ left over to give us the excess taxes that we have paid to you, without having to make up an excuse to keep it.