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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR201

SJR 201 is another blatant attempt to steal kicker revenue, this time to use it to fund state selected pet projects. This bill highlights the lack of government fiscal responsibility and total disregard for the voter approved kicker system.

Oregon is an overly zealous tax and spend state. The state government has grown faster than population/inflation for the past 25 years. Oregon ranks among the top 6 biggest spending states in the US per-capita. These are not goals to be proud of.

Funding for programs like education, community colleges and wildfire prevention can be managed through existing revenue or by reducing other spending, rather than altering the constitutional Kicker mechanism.

This consistent pattern of prioritizing higher government spending over returning tax surpluses to the people and businesses, where it belongs, will only continue to erode public trust in your ability to faithfully serve.

Take a stand to support Oregonians and preserve the kicker. Oppose SJR 201.

Thank you.