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On Behalf Of:

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I managed AM1410 KBNP for 38 years in Portland, Oregon's only, All-Business/Financial radio station, with fifty-five years in Oregon's broadcast industry.

From Roseburg, Medford, Hillsboro and the Portland metro area, the public sentiment has echoed the same refrain: Salem needs to quit wasteful and useless spending, produce a better product for taxes invested through every government dollar spent, and audit the return on each tax investment!

I have seen and heard the voices of business owners, employees, civic organizations, non-profits, retirees and individuals in growing complaints concerning the mismanagement, over-spending and under performance by the State of Oregon...which have directly diminished their levels of livability as a result of wasteful taxation by State agencies.

Moreover, that outcry has elevated most recently as Governor Kotek and her political allies choose to spend millions of dollars on illegal entrants to our Nation and State, your opposition to Federal Agencies and this Nation's elected Administration, while individuals deemed "homeless" benefit from tax supported programs they did not contribute into.

I oppose all legislation to usurp our Kicker, or any funds, and believe residents must be heard and adhered to in the request that a "cash refund" not merely a "tax credit" is due them!

Sidenote:

As a registered Democrat since 1972, because of the atrocious actions of Representatives in Salem and Washington D.C. who have encrusted themselves with only voting "Party line politics" - and denying equal representation for the good of the people of Oregon - I have viewed never to vote for any Democrat in the future...finding our failed State has happened during your watch. Your buck stops there!

Free Up our Kicker...and return it to rightful taxpayers.