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As a lifelong Oregonian and retired public employee, I am opposed to SJR 201 because I know how government works and that there are areas where cuts can be made to existing budgets without taking the Kicker from my fellow Oregonians. My family lives within the limits of our monthly and annual budget and I believe the State of Oregon should do the same. Oregon has a spending problem, not a budget problem. Oregon government became quickly addicted to increased funding during the Covid crisis, funding that was supposed to be temporary. Now instead of ratcheting back government wants to continue to operate at a level that is not needed and one they cannot afford. I suggest each agency take a look at their core business functions and prioritize those things that are critical to their mission, and not the fun or nice things that they would like to do. Make Oregon more hospitable to business as well as home building in order to build the tax base. Oregon seems to continue to do things that aren't business friendly and things that continue to shrink our tax base. I believe our elected officials and government agencies can do better and do better without our Kicker!