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On Behalf Of:

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Good afternoon,

I'm responding to the proposed amendment to the Oregon Constitution SJR201 diverting 50% of surplus funds to go towards education and fire prevention.

I strongly oppose such a change. The surplus money was to go back the citizens for overpayment of taxes. With Oregon being at the bottom of all states in the nation on education

throwing more money at it isn't going to fix the problem. As for the wildfire prevention, we need to get back to harvesting our timber instead of allowing it to burn. As a native of Oregon for 66 years, I've witnessed common sense logging practices to do this. We need to return to actively managing our forest. Environmental groups continue to dictate what we can and cannot do with our forest. I have a great idea, let us send the firefighting bill to the environmental groups since they're the ones creating the roadblocks for timber harvest.

Respectfully,
Kevin Reedy