

Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26 218 Order # 0-1

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Name of person: (required) Henry Kraemer Organization Name: (if applicable) _____

Argument paid for or petition provided by:

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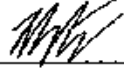
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<u>Henry Kraemer</u>		<u>08/24/2020</u>
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EVERYTHING IS FINE.

VOTING "NO" PROCLAIMS THAT OUR ECONOMY IS BOOMING.

As any laid-off worker or struggling small business owner will tell you, our region DOES NOT NEED MORE GOOD-PAYING JOBS right now.

Measure 26-218 simply creates TOO MANY JOBS. No thank you!

IF YOU AGREE THAT THE STATUS QUO IS GREAT, VOTE "NO".

The "No" campaign is funded by major corporations because Wall Street is soaring & doesn't see a need for more jobs right now. The "No" campaign couldn't care less about creating more good jobs because most of them don't know anybody out of work.

(But I'll bet you do.

Measure 26-218 will create tens of thousands of good paying jobs for people who need them and are ready to work hard. And more good jobs means more customers for local businesses, who really need them right now.

But hey...)

If you think everything is great and our region is better off without thousands of new jobs and an economic shot in the arm, you should VOTE NO.

If you believe:

- **Nobody needs good jobs right now**
- **Our economy is booming**
- **The status quo is super**

By all means, vote NO.

(But if, like me, you know people who are hurting and need good jobs, vote YES on Measure 26-218.

If you want our region to be stronger & more prosperous tomorrow than it is today, vote YES on Measure 26-218.)

- Henry Kraemer, Economic Justice Advocate

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Measure # 26-218 Order # 0-2

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Name of person: (required) Jason Williams Organization Name: (if applicable) Taxpayers Association of Oregon

Argument paid for or petition provided by:

Taxpayers Association of Oregon Email: OregonWatchdog@GMAIL.COM
Name of person/organization paying or submitting petition for 'Measure Argument'

Phone: Cell: _____ Work: (503) 603-9009 Home: _____

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Jason Williams _____ 9/4/20
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Taxpayer Association of Oregon urges

No on #26-218

5 ways #26-218

taxes poor communities to benefit
one of Oregon's richest shopping malls.

#1. Taxes poor communities to benefit luxury mall. #26-218 raises payroll taxes on minimum wage workers' employers to fund an expensive \$2.4 billion light rail train to Oregon's richest mall -- Bridgeport Village Mall.

#2. Demolishes people's homes to create pathway to luxury mall. #26-218 will demolish nearly 300 homes in order to pave railway tracks for an expensive \$2.4 billion light rail train to Oregon's richest mall -- Bridgeport Village Mall.

#3. Diverts road funds from poor neighborhoods to benefit a luxury mall. #26-218 is expected to tap into METRO transportation flex-funds which could be used to fix potholes in poor neighborhoods and instead uses it to fund an expensive \$2.4 billion light rail train to Oregon's richest mall -- Bridgeport Village Mall.

#4. Taxes poor communities in Portland so lucky Tigard can have it's second train. #26-218 enacts payroll taxes on businesses, many in low income neighborhoods, to fund Tigard's second train so Tigard can promote tourism for Oregon's richest mall -- Bridgeport Village Mall.

#5. Taxes poor communities to help a luxury mall that already receives lucrative tax breaks. Bridgeport Village Mall already receives special Opportunity Zones tax breaks that many local small businesses do not receive. Now, the luxury mall wants their own \$2.4 billion light rail train to deliver them more customers.

Bridgeport Village Mall is rated among the nation's top 5% most profitable malls

The Bridgeport Mall already receives special tax breaks. We don't need to tax poor people pay for an expensive train to Oregon's richest mall.

Taxpayer Association of Oregon urges

No on #26-218

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Measure # 26 -218 Order # 0-3

"This information furnished by" (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet) Name of person required ORS 251.355(2)

Name of person: (required) robert butler Organization Name: (if applicable)

Argument paid for or petition provided by:

robert butler Email: butlerbrokers@qwestoffice.net

Name of person/organization paying or submitting petition for 'Measure Argument'

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Contact information for authorized changes:

robert butler Email: butlerbokers@qwestoffice.net

Name of person authorized to make changes to 'Measure Argument'

Phone: Cell: 5032224949 Work: 5032224949 Home: 5032224949

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Organization name person(s) is (are) authorized to represent, if applicable: _____

robert butler [Signature] sept 8, 2020
Printed name of person furnishing argument Signature of person furnishing argument Date

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Reviewer Staff initials: _____

Ballot measure 26-218 Opposing Argument

Metro continues to grow exponentially from its Frankenstein birthright. The Metro council members (dream team) are all in lock step pushing for this \$5,000,000,000 Titanic project.

It's hard to imagine how big \$5,000,000,000 is in more tri country payroll taxes. By comparison \$133,000,000 or 2.5% is for Metro's garbage dumping budget. Every day a fleet of diesel trucks roundtrip garbage to Arlington Oregon. Clever?

\$1 billion by another comparison is Portland's current debt to repay for urban renewal ("UR") projects.

\$2 billion for another comparison is Portland's current U.R. borrowing limit. Portland citizens are ignorant about urban renewal's theft from K-12 education funding which now pays one third of UR debt.

You are not supposed to realize that this ballot measure will increase the flight of businesses from the Metro kingdom. Nor that new business relocations to Metro land will be discouraged.

Local fiscal planning by local governments will become more of a guessing game as to where Metro will throw away "free money" for pet projects to be carried out by local governments. (like throwing a fish to one of many seals in the sea seal aquarium)

For example Tri-Met's Division Street waste of transit money. (Division is already now one our most efficient transit streets). Or consider for another MAX light rail project failure. (Tualatin). The inexperienced dreamers on the Tri-Met board volunteer to work for nothing.

Consider Metro's Councilors(" the dream team") work for peanuts. Their annual salary a number of years ago was only \$20,000. (equates to \$10 hourly). Their inexperience comes from strange diverse areas. One was a Gresham Farmer. Another was a low level Intel Company manager.

Vote down this dangerous outrageous \$5 billion dream and vote out the Metro Dream Team.

By Robert Butler owner Butler Brokers Commercial Real Estate for 40 years lobbying for a better employment environment. (503-222-4949)

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Measure # 26-218 Order # 0-4

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Name of person: (required) Jason Williams Organization Name: (if applicable) Taxpayers Association of Oregon

Argument paid for or petition provided by:

Taxpayers Association of Oregon Email: OregonWatchdog@GMAIL.COM

Name of person/organization paying or submitting petition for 'Measure Argument'

Phone: Cell: _____ Work: (503) 603-9009 Home: _____

Contact information for authorized changes:

Jason Williams Email: OregonWatchdog@GMAIL.COM

Name of person authorized to make changes to 'Measure Argument'

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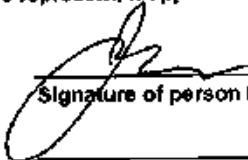
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Jason Williams
Printed name of person furnishing argument


Signature of person furnishing argument

9/4/20
Date

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Endorsements? Yes No
Intake Staff Initials: TL

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Taxpayer Association of Oregon
urges No vote on #26-281

Recent transportation taxes:

2009 - 6 cent gas-tax increase
2009 - Car registration fee increase
2009 - Auto title fee increase
2009 - License plate increase
2009 - New Multnomah car tax
2015 - 14-cent gas cost increase (LCFS est.)
2016 - 10-cent Portland gas-tax increase
2017 - New .5% car sales tax
2017 - 10 cent gas-tax increase
2017 - New Transportation .1% payroll tax
2017 - Auto registration fee increase
2017 - Auto title fee increase
2017 - 25% truck mileage tax hike
2020 - 10 cent Portland gas tax renewal
2020 - Employee payroll transit tax increase

Apparently, a decade of road tax hikes is not enough.

METRO wants their own \$5.2 billion transportation tax.

Even \$5.2 billion may not be enough...

- The tax is permanent
- METRO can adjust the tax rate without a public vote
- METRO still favors creating road tolls even if the tax passes

And it won't help reduce traffic:

- Only 3% of the METRO tax will be spent on congestion relief
- Why have a \$5.2 billion transportation tax if it doesn't help reduce traffic?

Taxpayer Association of Oregon

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Measure # 26 218 Order # 0-5

This information furnished by: (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet) Name of person required ORS 251.355(2)

Name of person: (required) Eric Fruits, Ph.D. Organization Name: (if applicable) Cascade Policy Institute

Argument paid for or petition provided by:

Cascade Policy Institute Email: eric@cascadepolicy.org

Name of person/organization paying or submitting petition for 'Measure Argument'

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Contact information for authorized changes:

Eric Fruits Email: eric@cascadepolicy.org

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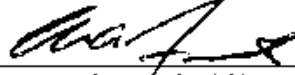
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<u>Eric Fruits</u>		<u>September 7, 2020</u>
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VOTE NO ON 26-218

Measure 26-218 creates \$5.2 billion in new taxes, but is disguised as a transportation measure.

It's a permanent tax of 0.75% on "wages paid" by every business and nonprofit with more than 25 workers.

METRO WANTS TO TAX EVERY DOLLAR YOU EARN

It's way more than just a payroll tax. It's a tax on wages paid plus "all remuneration paid in any medium other than cash." Metro can tax your employer's contributions to your health insurance and retirement.

Even someone who doesn't live in the Metro region will be hit with the tax. The measure taxes compensation "for services performed partly within the Metro Area." Even if you work one day in the region, Metro can tax all your compensation.

METRO WILL TEAR UP HOMES AND BUSINESSES, MAKE CONGESTION WORSE

Metro is selling the region's largest tax increase as a package of transportation improvements. This is false.

The \$2.4 billion Southwest Corridor light rail project is the cornerstone of Metro's plan. This would be an 11 mile MAX line extension running from downtown Portland, tearing up Barbur Boulevard, and ending at the high-end Bridgeport Village shopping center.

- This unwanted project is expected to **bulldoze as many as 300 homes and 156 businesses**, displacing up to 1,990 employees.
- Once completed, **the MAX line will make congestion even worse**, jamming up dozens of intersections and highway ramps where you'll have to wait for lumbering light rail trains to pass.

Why should workers pay more than \$5.2 billion to make their commutes even worse?

METRO WANTS TO TAX EVERY MILE YOU DRIVE

Even if 26-218 passes, Metro is already pushing the legislature to impose a fee on every mile you drive in the State of Oregon. Metro has an endless appetite for your hard-earned dollars. It's time for the region's voters to end Metro's frenzied feast for more and higher taxes.

VOTE NO ON 26-218

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Taxpayers Association of Oregon urges

No on #26-218

\$7 billion in taxes on the ballot this year!

\$5.2 Billion Metro payroll tax for Bridgeport light rail (#26-218)

\$1.2 Billion PPS School bond (#26-215)

\$387 Million Multnomah County libraries (#26-211)

\$239 Million Portland parks levy (#26-213)

\$61 Million Multnomah County tax for preschool (#26-214)

The most expensive is the least important

The astonishing \$7 billion of new taxes and total spending by METRO area politicians reveals a complete lack of self-restraint and lack of empathy for struggling taxpayer families on the verge of financial collapse.

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Measure # 26-218 Order # 0-7

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Name of person (required) T.J. REILLY Organization Name: (if applicable) OREGON SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Argument paid for or petition provided by:

(TJ REILLY)
OREGON SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION Email: INFO@OREGONSMALLBUSINESSASSOCIATION.COM
Name of person/organization paying or submitting petition for 'Measure Argument'

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Contact information for authorized changes:

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Organization name person(s) is (are) authorized to represent, if applicable: Oregon Small Business Association

<u>T.J. Reilly</u> Printed name of person furnishing argument	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature of person furnishing argument	<u>9-7-2020</u> Date
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Oregon Small Business Association
says No to 26-218

Don't hurt small business already hurting from the pandemic

We collected public announcements
of how destructive the pandemic has been:

- Oregon's 3rd Largest bank, Wells Fargo, is closing one third of its Oregon locations. (1)
- NIKE has announced that they will be laying off nearly 500 of its Beaverton workers. (2)
- Downtown Portland's largest private employer, an insurance company, is moving 2,100 employees out of Portland. (3)
- Daimler Chrysler, AirB&B, Google, Banana Republic, Microsoft and Saucebox are reported to be moving, downsizing or halting expansions in Portland. (4)
- Portland favorite start-ups like Bluestar donuts has filed for bankruptcy protections. (5)

These businesses horror stories above are listed so you can see the public record of destructive that both the pandemic, nationwide recession and non-stop street violence has done to businesses we love.

There will be more businesses closings and more horror stories if we hit businesses with a \$5 billion dollar transportation tax.

Small business needs customers....not a \$2.4 billion train to a shopping mall.

Small business needs income ... not a new \$5 billion dollar tax.

Oregon Small Business Association
says No to 26-218

Sources: (1) Oregonian 8/24/20 (2) Willamette Week 7/30/20. (3) Portland Business Journal 8/18/20 (4) Willamette week 8/21/20. (5) KOIN 8/28/20.

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26-218 Order # 0-8

'This information furnished by' (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet) Name of person required ORS 251.335(2)

Name of person: (required) T.J. REILLY Organization Name: (if applicable) OREGON SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Argument paid for or petition provided by:

(TJ REILLY)
OREGON SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION Email: INFO@OREGONSMALLBUSINESSASSOCIATION.COM
 Name of person/organization paying or submitting petition for 'Measure Argument'

Phone: Cell: Work: 503-656-6688 Home:

Contact information for authorized changes:

T.J. REILLY Email: INFO@OREGONSMALLBUSINESSASSOCIATION.COM
 Name of person authorized to make changes to 'Measure Argument'

Phone: Cell: Work: 503-656-6688 Home:

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Organization name person(s) is (are) authorized to represent, if applicable: Oregon Small Business Association

<u>T.J. Reilly</u> Printed name of person furnishing argument	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature of person furnishing argument	<u>9-7-2020</u> Date
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Washington County Business Council

Vote no Measure 26-218

Please don't kick small businesses when they are down.

Please don't add taxes to a pandemic.

Please invest in our schools & kids -- not in a \$2.4 billion train.

Please don't demolish 150 businesses for a train no one wants.

Please don't tax churches, charities in the hour of their greatest need.

Please don't create fear with a tax METRO can raise anytime.

Please don't tax jobs when we're facing a record job loss.

Please don't tax our jobs when government jobs are exempt.

Please don't enact a permanent tax for a temporary project.

Sincerely,

**Bill Adams,
Washington County Business Council**

Vote no on Measure 26-218

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26-218 Order # 2-9

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Name of person: (required) Bob Clark Organization Name: (if applicable)

Argument paid for or petition provided by: JASON WILLIAMS

JASON WILLIAMS Association of Oregon Taxpayer Email: OregonWatchdog@GMAIL.COM

Name of person/organization paying or submitting petition for 'Measure Argument'

Phone: Cell: Work: Home:

Contact information for authorized changes:

Bob Clark Email: EClarkMilw@Yahoo.com

Name of person authorized to make changes to 'Measure Argument'

Phone: Cell: Work: Home: 503 654 8895

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Organization name person(s) is (are) authorized to represent, if applicable: _____

Bob Clark
Printed name of person furnishing argument

Robert Clark
Signature of person furnishing argument

09/08/2020
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Vote No on 26-218

Only 3-6% of the funds goes to traffic relief

Metro misleads on its true intent by touting traffic and safety programs while minimally mentioning (in its ballot title) the high cost Max rail line it intends to build along much of Barbur Boulevard. By calculations of stated projects from Metro documents, it seems only about 3 to 6% of the tax proceeds will go to reducing traffic congestion on highways.

Makes traffic worse

Traffic congestion is likely to worsen because of this Measure as Metro is likely to encourage the building of block size developments along its new Max line, bringing increased traffic to ramps on and off I-5.

Traffic Safety Programs Likely Get Shorted

MAX light rail construction cost over runs are very possible - likely causing some cutbacks in this Measure's proposed traffic safety projects.

Worsens Equity, despite what proponents say

- This Measure is about spending billions on an extension of Portland's light rail system (MAX) to an upper price Mall in Tualatin. Yet most workers region wide (including those in Multnomah) which would be taxed via employers by this Measure, physically commute by automobile and not the MAX (about 75% of trips in Multnomah are by automobile, including car-pooling. U.S. Census data, 2018).
- National Bureau of Economic Research indicates a tax on payroll, as in this case, results in reduced employment opportunities for both lower skilled and manual labor workers.

Portlanders pay twice for traffic safety

Portlanders already pay a high local gasoline tax towards traffic safety programs, and this Measure would reduce the ability of their employers to pay wage increases.

Retired economist Bob Clark
Occasional Volunteer for the Taxpayer Association of Oregon
Metro area resident

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Measure # 26 218 Order # 0-100

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Name of person: (required) Joe Hughes Organization Name: (if applicable)

Argument paid for or petition provided by:

Joe Hughes Email: jhughes@jhc-companies.com

Name of person/organization paying or submitting petition for 'Measure Argument'

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Organization name person(s) is (are) authorized to represent, if applicable: Joseph Hughes Construction, Inc.

<u>Joe Hughes</u>		<u>9-8-2020</u>
Printed name of person furnishing argument	Signature of person furnishing argument	Date
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VOTE NO ON 26-218 (Word Count 311)

My name is **Joe Hughes**. I started my business, **Joseph Hughes Construction (JHC)** 40 years ago. Sixteen years ago I was thrilled to be able to purchase this property at 11125 SW Barbur Boulevard to house the business. It is 1.43 acres and includes an 8,500 square foot professional office building, an additional 3,000 square feet for indoor construction storage, and 26,000 square feet of outdoor storage. **This has given us room to grow; currently we employ 35 full time people.**

This property and its strategic location helps us provide long term employment not only for our people but also for the many hundreds who work for the subcontractors we hire. Easy freeway and highway access in both directions, proximity to Portland, Tigard, Tualatin and Beaverton makes owning this building a dream come true.

From my desk I have a front row seat to view I-5 and Barbur traffic. Everyday our employees, vendors, subcontractors and consultants use these roads as they travel to and from the business. **We often receive praise for the convenience of location. Rarely have I heard complaints about traffic.**

The Southwest Light Rail project, if funded, will allow TriMet to condemn my property, destroy my buildings (and many others) so they can build their park and ride station here. How does destroying a vibrant, viable, tax paying business for the sake of another money losing light rail project make sense?

Sure, they say I will be compensated fairly. I've read court cases that show how that goes. It's not pretty! **Joseph Hughes Construction** pays, in addition to numerous other county and city taxes, approximately \$20,000 a year in TriMet Taxes alone! **I feel like I'm funding their effort to destroy me!** This Measure will add another \$18,000 a year to our tax burden.

Please vote NO on Measure 26-218.

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26 - 218 Order # D-111

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Name of person: Austin Arnold Organization Name: Stop The Metro Wage Tax
(required) (if applicable)

Argument paid for or petition provided by:

Stop The Metro Wage Tax Email: austin@stopthemetrowagetax.org

Name of person/organization paying or submitting petition for 'Measure Argument'

Phone: Cell: 503 896 7836 Work: Home:

Contact Information for authorized changes:

Austin Arnold Email: austin@stopthemetrowagetax.org

Name of person authorized to make changes to 'Measure Argument'

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Organization name person(s) is (are) authorized to represent, if applicable: Stop The Metro Wage Tax

<u>Austin Arnold</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>7-3-20</u>
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As some of our region's largest employers, we're proud to be a major economic engine, providing 23,700 jobs. But as employers and households across our region continue to struggle with the impacts of the global COVID-19 pandemic, we strongly urge a no vote on Metro's permanent \$5 billion wage tax.

This punitive proposal puts many local businesses at risk and will change the operations of *all* employers. This isn't a tax on business profits, it's a burden on everyone struggling to rehire, reinvent operating plans, or simply keep the doors open.

This wage tax will impact the ability of businesses, large and small, to maintain the strength of our investments in the region. **A new and unique tax on local wages is a strong incentive to limit payrolls in the metro area and grow jobs elsewhere**

Our roots run deep in Oregon. We're not opposed to all taxes, and we've supported smart transportation investments previously. But as employers, **we must be flexible and responsive to reality. This package is neither.**

The project list was developed before COVID-19 changed our world and shifted priorities. We don't yet know how the pandemic will alter the way people in our area work and live moving forward. **We do know this moment offers an opportunity to shape our economic future.**

Metro's wage tax will punish and destabilize our recovery.

The need to reduce congestion, get goods to market, and reduce commute times brought us to the table around transportation investment. But this measure only spends 3% of funds on congestion reduction. It doesn't address critical bottlenecks like Highway 26, 217, or I-5 North – it prioritizes light rail to Tualatin.

Metro's punitive wage tax misses the mark. Voters should feel confident in rejecting it.

We believe the path forward involves keeping our community united, prioritizing our kids, schools and parks, and preserving jobs.

Cambia Health Solutions
Daimler Trucks North America
The Greenbrier Companies
Nike
Precision Castparts Corp.
The Standard

(This information furnished by Austin Arnold, Stop the Metro Wage Tax.)

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Measure # 26 - 218 Order # 2019

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WE'RE TRYING TO PROTECT OUR EMPLOYEES. THIS PERMANENT TAX WILL COST JOBS.

The Barbers operates 19 metro-area barbershops – every one of which was shut down for over three months. We've reopened, yet revenues are still way down – while our fixed costs haven't gone anywhere. In fact, they're piling up, and *we're struggling just to keep our folks employed. Metro's wage tax will force us to cut payroll and jobs.*

WE'RE STRUGGLING. THIS IS THE WRONG TAX AT THE WRONG TIME.

Businesses are struggling right now because of a global pandemic. The fair response from government would be to offer relief from the struggle. Adding permanent costs to businesses right now feels *out of touch and cruel.*

WE'RE TIGHTENING OUR BELT. SO SHOULD METRO.

The Barbers isn't anti-tax or anti-Metro. Metro recently raised taxes three times, for a total of \$3.5 billion – worthy investments in a different economic climate, *which we supported.* But now is *the worst time* for the largest tax increase in our region's history.

WE'RE FIGHTING TO KEEP OUR DOORS OPEN. THIS TAX WILL CLOSE THEM.

Like most households, *our business is in triage mode.* We've stripped down our operations to the essentials, just to keep our doors open. *Metro must do the same.* Paying for 50-year projects when the future is unclear 5 months from now is irrational and will harm people and businesses struggling to survive.

WE'RE HURTING. WE CANNOT AFFORD ANOTHER NEW TAX.

The pandemic and the recession are the fault of none of us yet impact all of us. In these unprecedented times, government must work to make it easier for households and businesses to survive, not harder. *Metro's never-ending \$5.2 billion wage tax makes our survival much, much harder.*

PLEASE VOTE NO ON METRO'S WAGE TAX

Mark Spiegelberg, The Barbers

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Argument In Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26 - 218 Order # 30-13

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Name of person: (required) Austin Arnold Organization Name: (if applicable) Stop The Metro Wage Tax

Argument paid for or petition provided by:

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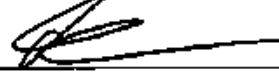
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AORTA (Association of Oregon Rail and Transit Advocates) supports better local and intercity bus and rail service.

We must reduce greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, and congestion from increasing auto traffic, and provide mobility more equitably. We need a transit system that draws drivers out of their cars. Even before COVID-19, only 4.2% of trips in this region were on transit. In Vancouver BC, a region of similar size, 16% of trips are on transit.

This measure fails in many ways:

- Nearly doubles employer payroll tax rate.
- Provides no increased transit service.
- Metro's modeling shows insignificant progress on climate change.
- No significant ridership improvement.
- Most of the projects, other than the flawed SW Corridor light rail proposal, can and should be paid for out of gas tax revenue, or peak hour pricing of our freeway system.

The SW Corridor is problematic and:

- Is not cost-effective. The capital cost per new daily transit rider is excessive.
- Fails to serve important destinations: South Waterfront, OHSU, Hillsdale, PCC Sylvania, and downtown Tualatin.
- Is not integrated with a good bus network.
- Is not fast enough to attract freeway users:

TriMet can't afford expensive capital projects that don't yield better ridership, as this pulls resources from existing bus service. When TriMet's existing source of operating money shrinks due to the economy, service and ridership will suffer.

TriMet needs more frequent bus and light rail trips on current routes, increased coverage where service is missing, and better connections between routes. The bicycle, pedestrian, and safety projects in this measure that are cost-effective could be funded if legislators would reprogram gas tax money from the ineffective and disruptive I-5 "Rose Quarter" freeway expansion.

We oppose blindly pouring money into asphalt in the name of job creation. AORTA supports projects that actually reduce our dependence on climate-changing fossil fuels.

Doug Allen, AORTA

AORTArail.org

Portland Union Station, Suite 253

Working for Effective Transportation Since 1976

(This information furnished by Austin Arnold, Stop the Metro Wage Tax.)

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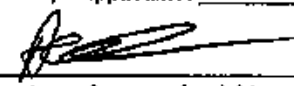
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On behalf of the thousands of employer members representing the broad diversity of industries in our city, region, and throughout the state, the Portland Business Alliance urges you to reject Metro's \$5 billion wage tax.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic changed our world, we happily helped Metro negotiate a workable transportation funding package. But just as every single business and household has been forced to adjust during the pandemic, so must government.

We're in a severe economic downturn with nearly 300,000 Oregonians on unemployment. More small businesses are permanently closing by the day and state economists say our economy will not rebound until at least 2025.

Millions of Oregonians are now working from home and will continue doing so well into the future. This pandemic has reshaped the way we work and live; we must be responsive to that rather than dig in our heels to build roads and transit lines that may no longer be needed.

Metro's wage tax makes employment more expensive when it's already in short supply. A payroll tax is the worst revenue mechanism to propose during a historic economic downturn.

Imposing the largest payroll tax in history right now will not only lead to further job losses in the short term, it will slow economic recovery in the long term.

In the past three years, Portland area businesses have seen new taxes pass that are going into effect – including three new taxes from Metro alone, totaling \$3.5 billion.

The costs from these taxes passed in an economic boom are compounding in the current economic downturn. They will cause further layoffs and closures.

Thoughtful leadership adapts to unforeseen events rather than charging ahead with obsolete plans.

This package was written for a booming economy heavily reliant on commuting. Our economy is now in a tailspin and work has turned remote.

We urge voters to lead Metro away from this disastrous plan by voting no.

Kiley Wilson, Portland Business Alliance

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26 - 218 Order # 62 D-15

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Creating and retaining jobs is foundational to economic recovery from the pandemic. Now is not the time for a new payroll tax that would discourage job growth.

Pre-COVID, the Central Eastside Industrial District was home to more than 22,000 jobs, many of those are family wage jobs. Now, many long time businesses have had major layoffs, and families are bearing the brunt.

The timing of this measure and the creation of a new, permanent payroll tax is ill-considered.

We recommend a No vote.

Kate Merrill, Executive Director, Central Eastside Industrial Council

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26 - 218 Order # VD-16

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We're asking you to vote no on Metro's tax proposal.

As employees of a fueling company, you might think we'd be excited for a permanent, enormous tax that subsidizes gasoline by 30 cents a gallon and will increase the number of drivers on the road, according to independent analysis.

But we're asking you to vote against it because we know it will mean our region's recovery will be weaker and take longer. Taxing every single job means employers won't be able to rehire as quickly. **And creating a new permanent tax in the middle of a global pandemic with no end in sight is bizarre.**

We want elected officials to help lead us out of the mess we're in, not make things worse. This outrageous tax will make things far worse.

We know our region needs road improvements. We hear from our customers every day about the gridlock they're stuck in on their way to and from work. But this plan won't do anything to fix that. The package reads like a wish list of pet projects that add up billions of dollars and no real benefit.

Not only that, Metro will have the future power to raise this tax without a vote of the people and to use it to fund whatever they want. It's never the time to trust Metro with a blank check.

Please vote no on this outrageous tax proposal. It will hurt jobs, hurt the economy, hurt families, and hurt our recovery.

Leather Fuels Employees:

Linda Leathers

Aaron Randels

Eric Damrill

Eric Steinman

John Czupofski

Katie Conrad

Lila Leathers

Steven Veenhuizen

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26 - 218 Order # 10017

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MADDEN INDUSTRIAL CRAFTSMEN, INC.

As a regional employer, we are writing to ask you to vote against Metro's out-of-control permanent tax on wages. It will hurt our economic recovery with absolutely no guarantee on how Metro will spend the money.

Madden Industrial Craftsmen is an industrial staffing company that has been building businesses, craftsmen, and our community for more than three decades in the Pacific Northwest. We are a family-owned business, recognized as one of the best places to work, and we have partnered with nearly every industry in the area.

We bring all of that experience to our analysis of this tax, and our strong recommendation is to vote against it. We know it will hurt the region's industries during this unprecedented economic decline and render them less able to rehire employees at a critical time, which will slow our recovery.

There's a reason some of the earliest and largest contributions to this Metro campaign came from out-of-state interests. They see this massive permanent tax proposal from an agency with no experience managing transportation initiatives, and they see an opportunity to line up unlimited projects to take profits out of state.

Our economy is hurting. Many of our fellow workers are unemployed due to the impact of the coronavirus. Our kids are out of school indefinitely. Against this backdrop, Metro is making its biggest cash grab in history. It makes no sense.

Please vote against this tax.

Ken Madden, Madden Industrial Craftsman

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Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26 - 218 Order # 13018

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The Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce has long supported improving mobility, investing in infrastructure, and reducing our carbon footprint. But there's a better way to invest in our future than by attacking paychecks, jobs, small businesses and nonprofits including churches and colleges. Now, during the worst downturn since the Great Depression, is not the time for the largest tax increase in our region's history.

You don't have to be a business with 25 or more employees to feel the extreme weight of Metro's wage tax. While the measure currently is aimed at employers with 25 or more workers, Metro also has the authority to raise the tax and lower the number of employees without voter approval. Metro's wage tax harms everyone at the worst time as working families, non-profits, charities, and small businesses are facing unprecedented economic anxiety and fear.

Businesses have not yet recovered from the shutdown. COVID-19 continues to damage our economy. Families, nonprofits, and small businesses are trying to survive: Metro extracting \$5 billion from a shrinking economy will lead to lost wages, lost jobs, fewer services, and, ultimately, fewer small businesses like restaurants. And the people who can least afford it are hurt the most by Metro's tax.

Metro's wage tax is needlessly divisive when we need to be united. Our region's employer groups worked with Metro for nearly two years negotiating a workable funding package with broad support. Metro had the buy-in for a practical, consensus proposal, but chose instead a divisive, political proposal that punishes the private sector, employees and nonprofit employers, forcing them alone to fund a system everyone uses. Over 100,000 public employees are conveniently exempt from this tax.

Now is the time to unite not drive wedges, play politics, and cut paychecks. Working families, non-profits, and small businesses cannot afford the harm Metro's tax would wage on our region's economy. Vote NO!

Lynn Snodgrass, Gresham Chamber Of Commerce

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26 - 218 Order # 140-19

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Review Staff Initials: _____

On behalf of every hardworking employee, every struggling business owner, and every child who deserves a bright future in Washington County, we are urging you to vote no on this tax.

This is the wrong tax. Metro's own analysis shows that a payroll tax is regressive – it punishes those at the bottom the most. They know voters don't support yet another payroll tax, so they went to court to fight against calling it what it is.

This is the wrong time. We are in the midst of a global pandemic and must focus our attention on getting people back to work, students back to school, and life back to normal. We don't know yet if we're facing a severe recession or a fundamental restructuring of our economy. Now is not the time for a massive payroll tax.

This tax is forever. This measure gives Metro the authority to implement a payroll tax forever. They can make changes to the rate or even swap in a whole new list of projects without asking voters — forever. And they went to court to make sure they wouldn't have to tell voters that it's permanent.

This tax is massive. And it's not the end. Metro's plan is to pass this tax, THEN go to the Legislature to ask them to pass additional taxes. **By the time they're done, every dollar you earn and every mile you drive will have a new tax in the middle of a recession.**

Please vote No. Tell Metro to focus on the crisis at hand or sit on the sidelines until they can be helpful.

Jayne Bond, Permapost Products Company

Kristin Smith, Event Savvy

Ashley Miller, Anytime Plumbing

No Tolls PAC

Jason A. Mendell, Cascade Sotheby's International Real Estate

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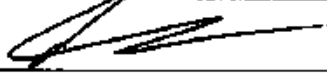
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 DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS

On behalf of every hardworking employee, every struggling business owner, and every child who deserves a bright future in Multnomah County, we are urging you to vote no on this tax.

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Measure # 26 - 218 Order # HP 0-21

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NONPROFITS FACE INCREASING NEEDS, DECREASING DONATIONS

Nonprofits are expert at using every donation for maximum benefit. This resourcefulness allows us to serve thousands of families across the region.

It also means that through this pandemic, as needs have increased and donations have decreased, we've struggled to keep our programs running.

METRO'S WAGE TAX WILL CAUSE SERVICE CUTS

That's why Metro's \$5 billion tax proposal is devastating to nonprofits like ours.

It would mean we either cut services or cut employees or both – when our region can afford neither.

METRO EXEMPTS ITSELF, TAXES NONPROFITS

This measure would tax 70,000 nonprofit employees in the Metro region.

Metro exempted itself and other governments from paying the tax because they're hurting financially.

Yet the frontline service providers who serve kids and families are expected to foot the bill.

Please reject this harmful tax.

Harvest Moormann, SALT Academy

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Measure # 26 - 218 Order # 140-22

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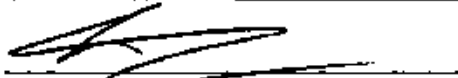
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VOTE NO ON 26-218: ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Metro is asking the region's voters to create **more than \$5.2 billion in new taxes** to build a light rail line running from downtown Portland, tearing up Barbur Boulevard and an entire SW Portland neighborhood, and ending at the high-end Bridgeport Village shopping center.

In the past two years, voters approved \$3.6 billion in new taxes to fund Metro's mission creep. Their internal audits already show mismanagement of the money they have. We can't trust them with \$5.2 billion more.

VOTE NO: METRO LIED ABOUT THE TAX

Metro tried to tell voters 26-218 is a business tax. **That's a lie.**

It's a tax on wages paid *plus* "**all remuneration** paid in any medium other than cash." That means Metro can tax your employer's contributions to your health insurance and retirement. In addition to businesses, more than 70,000 workers at churches, charities, and other nonprofits will be taxed.

In a self-serving last minute move, **Metro amended the measure to exempt itself** and other state and local governments from the tax. **Then they lied about why they did it and lied about how much the exemption would cost.** If they're lying to pass the measure, they're going to lie when they implement it.

VOTE NO: METRO CAN'T BE TRUSTED

Metro's own auditor criticized Metro's capital project spending and Metro's adherence to its own Code of Ethics. Just this year, **the Metro Auditor called into question Metro's management** of more than \$650 million of spending for affordable housing, finding:

- Poor cost management,
- Questionable expenditures,
- Lapsed timelines,
- Conflicts of interest on its own oversight committee, and
- A lack of transparency.

If we can't trust Metro to manage \$650 million, we can't trust Metro to manage \$5.2 billion in new taxes.

VOTE NO ON 26-218

Eric Fruits

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Oregon Business and Industry and our 1,600 members are committed to growing Oregon's economy, ensuring quality jobs, and maintaining healthy communities.

Metro's wage tax moves our region backward in each of these three areas. Here's why we urge a no vote.

THE WORST ECONOMY SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION

- Now is the worst time for Metro to create a permanent new tax on the wages of thousands of struggling businesses and non-profits.
- This new tax will cost jobs and shrink paychecks for more than 70% of workers in the region.

TIME TO STOP RAISING TAXES AND START LIVING WITHIN OUR MEANS

- Metro has passed \$3.6 billion in taxes on our businesses, property, and income in the last 2 years.
- Now they want a new, permanent \$5.2 billion tax on the wages and paychecks of employers.

METRO'S PRIORITIES ARE WRONG

- With the many challenges facing us from COVID-19, we need to prioritize protecting our jobs, family paychecks and supporting schools.
- Metro's wage tax harms the very priorities we need to protect during this crisis.
- We should be helping unemployed Oregonians get back to work, but this tax takes money away from employers struggling to get back on their feet and restore lost jobs.

METRO SPENDS BILLIONS WITHOUT REDUCING CLIMATE CHANGE

- Metro's claims this measure combats climate change, but local climate and transit leaders disagree.
- The Oregon Environmental Council says the Metro plan will reduce emissions by just .10%

METRO'S WAGE TAX ISN'T FAIR

- Employers and local non-profits across the entire tri-county area pay a new tax, but Multnomah gets more while Washington and Clackamas counties get less.
- This measure will force Washington County to spend \$75 million – money that will be diverted from classrooms and student achievement.

OBI supports investing in our economic future. Metro's wage tax harms households, employers, and nonprofits at a time when we can't take on another big cost.

Please reject this harmful tax.

Nathaniel Brown, Oregon Business Industry

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I'm asking you to vote no on Metro's permanent wage tax. **It's a blank check that they can use for any projects they want – and business owners are stuck paying for it at a time when we can least afford it.**

I came to this country as a child from South Korea. I became a citizen at 18 and opened my first Joy Teriyaki restaurant in 2006. In the 14 years since then, we've opened more than 30 Joy Teriyaki and Joy Poke restaurants.

We employ a thriving and diverse workforce, made up of some of the best our state and our region have to offer. We comprised endless stories of first-generation Americans, DACA students striving for a better life, and countless families who have been hit hard by the events of 2020.

As a company, we survived the Great Recession, but the effects of the pandemic have been much worse for restaurants – and we don't know when it will end.

I've done everything I can to keep as many people on staff as possible. And I know that if this measure passes, I will not be able to keep as many people employed or rehire as quickly as I'd like.

As an immigrant who is living my own American dream, I always want to contribute everything I can. I volunteer in my community, feed the homeless, and am active on multiple boards. I feel a deep responsibility to give back. As part of that, **I support policies – and tax proposals – that will help create a brighter future. This tax doesn't do that.**

Instead, it subsidizes emissions, builds roads ODOT should pay for, and commits future generations to a regressive tax structure.

Please vote no on this permanent and regressive tax.

Justin Hwang, Joy Teriyaki

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26 - 218 Order # 21075

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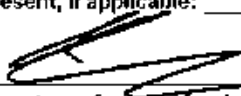
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Portland's harbor is a vital economic engine for our region and has been the home to thousands of valuable high-wage jobs for over a century.

Massive regional investment should play to our region's economic strength: trade

Oregon is a national leader in traded industries such as manufacturing, high-technology, athletic footwear and apparel, food and beverages and forest products.

These industries give us one of the most highly-trade dependent economy in the country, which has a higher potential for growth and pays higher wages than non-trade-based economies.

Metro fails to invest in trade efficiency or freight mobility

Our economic future depends on trade. We use Portland harbor's proximity to two major highways, two major railroads and a river transportation system to get the goods made by our regional employers to market.

But while Metro claims its \$8 billion transportation spending improves our economic future, it does virtually nothing to improve freight mobility through this vital network or create greater efficiencies in moving goods abroad.

Metro punishes our trade-based economic drivers

Instead of helping the regional employers who make the goods the rest of the world buys, Metro punishes them by taxing the jobs our region needs now more than ever.

And instead of investing in the getting our goods to market more efficiently, Metro punishes businesses like ours that stay revved as an economic engine even during a recession.

Each year, industrial marine businesses on Portland's harbor:

- Supports 52,784 direct and indirect local family-wage jobs
- Pays average salaries ranging between \$65,000 and \$80,000 per year
- Generates \$3.5 billion in personal income
- Brings \$7.6 billion in business revenue to the region's economy

Metro's wage tax will significantly cut each of these contributions.

Dee Burch, Advanced American Construction

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After graduating from Forest Grove High School, with an \$800 limit credit card, I started my own business with a lawnmower and a pickup truck. Starting with my first client on SW Hilltop Lane in Portland, I was able to eventually maintain many gardens on the same street. Seeing that I was doing a good job and willing to work hard, my clients were very happy and became a volunteer salesforce to help me grow.

Because I have been working 70 to 80 hours per week for the last 34 years non-stop, I'm able to employ almost 50 people. My success allows me to help our community in many different ways. Hospitals, churches, schools and other nonprofit agencies are able to provide services because of employers like me.

Metro has been proposing more and more taxes every year. Now, Metro is asking you to vote to raise my taxes and those of other employers with 25 employees or more. **They exempted the government agencies and their employees from paying this tax. It is shameful to target only a small group of people to pay for services that all the public can use.**

The new employee payroll tax is primarily to finance the expansion of Tri-Met when there are fewer people riding Tri-Met. The ridership has been going down for some time. **At a minimum, I want my tax dollars to be used for something that will improve everyone's lives and standard of living.** Tri-Met admits that the light rail line to Tigard will require the destruction of about 114 business properties and 106 residential homes. Where will these people go who lose their buildings?

This looks like a very bad idea. I urge you to vote no.

Manuel Castaneda, PLi Systems

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Petition #: _____	Intake Staff Initials: <u>HB</u>	Review Staff Initials: _____

We're urging a vote against Metro's payroll tax.

At TenBridge Partners, we specialize in working with business owners and individuals on community revitalization. As a company, we saw the long-lasting impact of the 2008 financial crisis on the economic health of our region. And as a native Portlander, I have seen our great region through many up and down cycles.

I would support any proposal to truly bring equity to public transportation, revitalize our region, and ensure a robust recovery. This proposal does none of the above: It would allow for continued increases in congestion and pollution, impair our recovery, and hurt our economy for years to come.

Metro's proposal robs two generations: It kicks today's workers and job creators while we're down, and it locks future generations into a permanent tax to fund whatever Metro feels like at the time, with zero voter oversight.

Metro was created to be a regional coordinator of garbage and parks. But they're on a power grab rampage: **In the last two years alone, Metro has raised taxes on our businesses, property and income.** Now they want to tax every single job (well, except Metro jobs: They've exempted themselves and other government organizations from paying this!). **We must say no and let Metro know we aren't an ATM for their pet projects.**

Independent economic analysis shows this tax will be directly paid for by the region's employees. And it **will take that money straight from the budgets of hard-working Oregonians and give it to giant out-of-state companies** to build projects ill-suited to this moment.

Please vote no on this tax proposal.

Erik Lawrence, TenBridge Partners

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The Portland Clinic has served our city for 100 years. In that time, we've weathered the 1918 pandemic, the Great Depression, and the Great Recession.

We have always supported safe and reliable transportation for our patients and employees. However, the Metro wage tax to fund transportation projects could actually jeopardize health care delivery at a time when we need access to quality clinical services more than ever. That's because it would add more costs to health care systems that have already seen a drop in patients due to COVID-19 shutdowns.

It would place a major new cost burden on all medical services and require hospitals and clinics to consider more layoffs or service reductions to balance current and future budgets.

We aren't yet through this pandemic. Our elected officials should be laser focused on managing the pandemic and our region's public health crisis. We cannot defeat COVID-19 and recover swiftly if our elected officials are focused on creating new taxes on businesses that are struggling to help those in need.

When we've made it through the pandemic, we can talk about expanding public transportation. But not now. We encourage a no vote on the Metro wage tax.

Dick Clark, The Portland Clinic

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

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We have had retail businesses in East County for 32 years. Twenty years ago, we built the Troutdale General Store from scratch. We have weathered a recession, rough winters, a Gorge fire from which we had just recovered and then COVID hit. Our three-month closure due to the pandemic was hard and reopening our doors when people are wary of going out hasn't been easy. But like many small businesses, we are trying to push forward and rebound in a time of great uncertainty.

Our future is already scary and now Metro has a forever new tax for us. A tax on us but not on Metro – they exempted themselves! So, they protected themselves and left us out to dry.

This permanent wage tax will force small stores like ours out of business – we just can't afford to absorb a new tax when we are already struggling just to make ends meet.

Small businesses are the engine of our East County economy and we work hard to serve our customers and pay our employees a decent wage to support their families. We are on the brink; this tax must not pass.

Please say No to Metro's wage tax. We must keep and encourage new entrepreneurs and business owners – not make the cost of doing business force them out. This tax will do just that.

Terry and Jodi Smoke, Troutdale General Store

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Metro's latest money grab is just wrong.

After raising taxes on business profits, property and personal income, Metro thinks it needs a new tax on wages and compensation?

Leave working people's paychecks, health care benefits, and retirement savings alone! In case you didn't notice, more than 300,000 Oregonians have lost their jobs in the last year. Many Metro businesses have been destroyed by the economy and the protests downtown. Metro's arrogant administration thinks this is the time to see if they can sneak in a new permanent tax on those people who still have a job? They want to make it harder for restaurants to stay open? For non-profits to deliver services for those in need during a crisis? They must know how bad things are for those they are asking to pay this tax, or they wouldn't have exempted themselves from it at the last minute.

Throughout my career, I have been a steadfast supporter of transportation. There are absolutely improvements we need to make, including fixing bottlenecks in the region. **But this is too big, too bloated, and too burdensome.**

Let's take a breath. We're in a health pandemic, coupled with massive social unrest and historic unemployment. **I don't know how much worse we can make it, but if voters pass this crippling tax, we'll find out.**

Unemployed Oregonians need businesses to recover so they can get back to work and start earning a paycheck again. **Metro should use its wildly oversized bureaucracy to help people and businesses get back on their feet – not to burden them with the largest tax the region has ever seen.**

Enough is enough. Please vote No on Metro's mammoth tax. It's the wrong tax at the wrong time by people with the wrong priorities.

Courtesy of DEMOCRAT Betsy Johnson, who remembers when that word meant fairness to working people.

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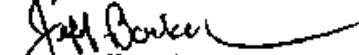
As a State Representative serving the people of Beaverton and Aloha, I can't remain silent as Metro seeks to create a permanent tax on labor in the tri-county area. I'm not opposed to taxes when necessary and well used. But right now our priorities need to be getting our schools safely opened, keeping our community together, and protecting jobs.

Metro is moving a transportation plan constructed before the pandemic changed everything, that doesn't solve the problems of Hwy 26 or 217 (only 3% of new spending is set aside for congestion relief), and that fails to understand the importance of paychecks to so many families living on the edge right now.

As a Democrat, I'm frankly appalled that this tax is regressive, punishing employment and generating revenue based on the total compensation paid to employees. Taxing health care benefits, dental, retirement fund contributions just like income is not fair, or remotely in line with progressive values.

As we move forward after this pandemic and the resulting recession/economic restructuring, I hope the Legislature will learn the lessons that Metro is ignoring: we need to prioritize our kids and families, and take a step back to consider what the impact will be from our actions. Our community needs to be united to serve the common good, not divided to serve government interest. Especially a government that exempted itself from the tax it seeks others to pay, including churches, non-profits and businesses struggling to keep doors open through the Covid crisis.

Join me in voting no, and telling Metro that government should serve the people, not the other way around.



Rep. Jeff Barker,

D - Aloha

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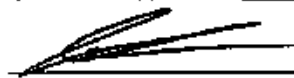
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As the Chair of the Oregon Senate Revenue Committee, I don't believe taxes are evil and I strongly support a transportation system that delivers health and economic benefits.

But Metro has done a poor job of uniting the two in this proposal. It needs to be sent back to the drawing board.

After helping write the 2019 Student Success Act that raised \$1 billion a year for our schools, I know how important it is to bring business, labor and communities together. When everyone at the table understands the priorities as well as the concerns, it's much easier to find common ground.

Unfortunately, Metro didn't do that. And the result is a misguided and ill-timed measure.

When the legislature was digging out of the last recession, Oregonians told me they had three priorities: Jobs, jobs and jobs. As we wrestled with policies to get people back to work, a payroll tax was considered taboo. It was never considered by democrats or republicans because it was widely seen as a tax that penalized employers for hiring people. This was exactly opposite of what Oregon needed. So, I was surprised Metro decided upon a steep payroll tax during the worst recession most of us have ever seen.

Worse, Metro exempted themselves from paying it. However, they did not exempt churches, non-profits, colleges, private schools or struggling businesses - even those receiving COVID relief funds.

I learned long ago, it's much easier to work together and get something passed rather than duking it out through political ads. My hope is that Metro, transportation advocates, and the business community can work together next year and build a transportation plan for a new post-pandemic world we will be living in.

Please join me in rejecting this well intentioned, but misguided measure.

Sen. Mark Hass

Chair, Senate Finance & Revenue Committee

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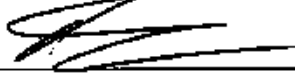
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As a third-generation CEO in the Melvin Mark company legacy, I grew up steeped in business and a love for this region.

I started my career working maintenance for the commercial real estate my father and grandfather managed and worked many jobs on the road to CEO. **I've learned three core lessons: put people first, give back to the community, and demonstrate honesty and integrity.**

This tax doesn't meet those criteria.

It does not put people first. People in our region are suffering right now. Between the pandemic, record unemployment, and civil discord, so many people in our area are hurting. This list of road projects was developed in a different time. If Metro put people first, they would go back to the drawing board to create a package that would truly help in this historic moment. This doesn't.

It does not give back to the community. The first donors to line up in support of this new wage tax were out-of-state construction businesses. **Why would large construction firms donate? They're eager to take \$5 billion from our local economy.** Supporters tout the job creation for out-of-state construction bosses, but say nothing of the jobs that will be lost at local companies struggling to make it.

It does not demonstrate honesty and integrity. Metro went to court so they wouldn't have to tell voters this is a permanent payroll tax. They tried to negotiate behind closed doors for a lower tax rate, even though that would have hindered the ability to complete any of the projects. And **they have failed to let voters know that this permanent tax can be used for absolutely anything Metro wants - without a vote of the public.**

Please vote no on this measure. It does not meet basic criteria for good public policy and will do real harm to our region at the benefit of outside corporations.

Jim Mark, The Melvin Mark Companies

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As the owner of several restaurants, I urge you to vote against Metro's proposed payroll tax. It would be the nail in the coffin for my restaurant and many others.

In a normal year, a typical restaurant has a 4 percent profit margin. That means for every dollar we earn, we proudly put 96 cents back into the local economy. That goes to pay wages, farmers, and food producers, as well as rent, supplies, and utilities. Restaurant owners are the very last to get paid.

What's this have to do with Metro's request for the largest-ever tax increase during a pandemic? First, the pandemic and its mandatory shut-downs and reduction in seating have meant a drastic reduction in revenue. But our costs have stayed virtually the same: We still pay our workers, purchase food, and must pay rent and utilities. **Suddenly our profit not only disappears and we make no money – but we go into debt just to keep our doors open.**

Adding a new tax that I'll have to pay whether I make a profit or not – because it taxes wages, not profits – means I'll have to write a check for thousands of dollars that I don't have. And many other businesses will be in the same situation.

And for what? For projects that claim to improve equity and the environment, but, in reality, will do neither. **Independent economic analysis says this would make emissions worse, and Metro's own auditor said it is recklessly spending money from recently passed taxes in a way that doesn't track to what they sold voters on.**

Are we willing to sacrifice the small businesses that are the fabric of our economy for a \$5 billion tax that only makes things worse?

Justin Hwang, Joy Poke

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Please vote against this tax.

The last year has been the most difficult year for business in my lifetime. In the travel industry, flights, tours, hotel stays and restaurant meals have plummeted. Travel is not just our passion: It's a massive economic engine for our region.

Yet this tax would hit the travel industry hard: The tourism and hospitality industry rely on people power, and this would tax every wage of every single employee. That will mean fewer companies will rehire fewer workers. That hurts our families and our regional economy.

It would create an artificial cutoff that would prevent some businesses from expanding. We need businesses to grow right now so more people return to their livelihoods.

Metro should be focused on pandemic relief and job creation, not aiming for the largest tax increase in its history.

Metro should be focused on helping us, not helping itself to our paychecks. Say no to this permanent tax.

Sue Piazza, Bucket List Travel Tours

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26 - 218 Order # 38 0-36

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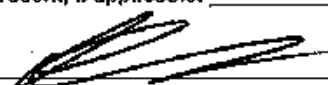
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As a commercial landscaping business, we have, as many of our business customers have, been impacted by the pandemic. The pandemic has also changed the way we work, live, and commute. And we believe those changes need to be evaluated.

We ask you to vote against this permanent tax.

And yet Metro is proposing a tax on every dollar we earn to build transportation projects that we don't think properly addressed the congestion anyway. **Do we need to spend billions on a light rail to a mall if we may not be able to return to malls anytime soon?**

The answer is no. **These are the wrong projects, the wrong tax, and at the wrong time.** It will hurt our region's recovery. It will prevent employers from hiring workers. And it will lock our children into paying for debt throughout their careers.

Please vote no.

Bob Grover, Pacific Landscape Management

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We're writing to ask you to vote against Metro's largest-ever tax increase.

During the pandemic, our local, family owned business has watched every penny to keep as many employees on payroll as we possibly can. We've changed our business and delivery model so we can keep our customers safe. And like any good business, we've been flexible and responsive to changing needs.

That's why this proposal is so baffling. **It creates a permanent tax on every single one of our employees at the toughest time in the history of our business.** Why on earth would Metro slap us with yet another tax that makes it harder to do business?

Not only that, while we are required to comply with every new rule and guideline, **Metro has the power to do whatever it wants with this money.** It can change the tax rate at any time, change what the money is funding, and keep the tax on the books so long that **today's preschoolers will still be paying for it in a couple of decades.** And it can do all of that without any voter approval whatsoever.

We are proud to do our part in the community, and we would be the first to line up in favor of a plan that would lead us out of this recovery toward a thriving region as soon as possible. This isn't it.

Please vote against this massive power and money grab.

Drake Snodgrass, Drake's 7 Dees Inc

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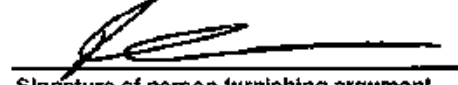
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SW Corridor does little for SW Portland

The expensive SW Corridor project will not improve the pedestrian environment in SW Portland other than fill in a few gaps of missing sidewalk. The pedestrian and bicycle facilities in some sections will feel like one is walking or riding in a "cattle chute" along a busy, noisy, smelly, four lane highway breathing polluted air.

TriMet, Metro and the City of Portland have refused to include the long planned, family friendly Red Electric Trail in their project. This route would not run along the Barbur alignment.

The State and City are planning to place tolls on I-5 in the near future, yet NO analysis or consideration of the impact of this development has been done by the SW Corridor team. When the Evergreen Bridge was tolled in Seattle, over 50% of the cars found other routes. The impact of I5 tolling on Barbur and our local streets will flood them with cars and trucks seeking to avoid tolls. With the SW Corridor trains running down the middle of Barbur it will be difficult for pedestrians to cross in many locations. Barbur will not be pedestrian friendly.

By doubling the payroll tax, the funding source of our region's bus system, it is unlikely the inadequate abysmal bus service in our communities will be improved and the existing service may not be able to be maintained without additional taxes.

Join me in voting no on this measure.

Don Baack, Founder of SWTrails

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