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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26-210 Order # 0-1

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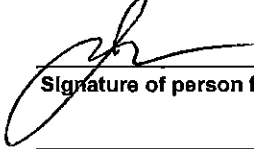
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6 ways Oregon is attracting homeless from across America and overwhelming our local shelters.

Nearly 1 of 3 Portland homeless come from other states (OPB 3-13-18).

In 2019 most states saw a decline in homelessness, but Oregon's numbers soared. Why? Because homeless populations left other states to come to Oregon to take advantage of our unique benefits.

1. The word is out. "People are coming here because we make it comfortable to be homeless" as quoted by a Portland homeless advocate in the national *City Journal Magazine*. (Winter 2016)
2. Multnomah County wasted tax dollars putting homeless people in expensive hotels (\$3,318 a month) before it had to cancel the program because it became too popular. (OPB 3-13-18)
3. Oregon allowed food stamp use for 5 years—that's 3 years longer than other states. *The Atlantic* called Oregon a "Welfare Utopia". (5/31/16)
4. Multnomah County's risky "no-refuse" shelter guarantee attracted too many out-of-area takers, which overwhelmed the system and led to it being cancelled. (OPB 3-13-18)
5. Portland's "sleep anywhere" policy allowed widespread trespass-camping on private property. This led to the Springwater Corridor campsite, at 500 campers, was the nation's LARGEST homeless camp. (Heritage Foundation 10/18/19)
6. When Portland failed to enforce basic laws, homeless people discovered they can do things they couldn't do in other cities. Not enforcing minor laws led to breaking more laws. Portland homeless accounted for the MAJORITY of police arrests in 2017. (*Oregonian* 6/27/18).

No amount of taxes will fix the problem as long as our backward policies continue to attract homeless from other states.

Stop measure 26-210. It'll only fund homeless from other states. Please fix the bigger problems first.

Taxpayer Association of Oregon Urges No on 26-210

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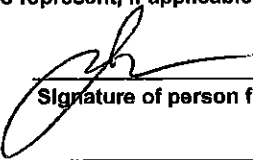
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No New Taxes until they stop wasting existing tax dollars.

Tax \$\$\$ wasted on rewarding pot smoking, drug use

- Portland awarded \$125,000 of our tax dollars to two pot shops. These business assistance funds come at a time when Oregon has a staggering six-year surplus supply of marijuana, which is making the drug even cheaper. This doesn't help our homeless drug abuse crisis. (*Portland Business Journal* 1/22/19)
- A Tigard meth house was given a \$30,000 taxpayer-funded housing assistance grant even as it was racking up neighborhood complaints and multiple police drug raids. (KGW-TV 6/14/18)

Tax \$\$\$ wasted on homeless boondoggles

- Portland wasted nearly \$250,000.00 in tax dollars building a modular homeless shelter it NEVER used. (*Oregonian* 9/13/18)
- Multnomah County wasted \$700,000.00 turning a former strip club into a Gresham shelter that lasted barely a year before it was evacuated as an emergency health hazard. (*Gresham Outlook* 2/28/18)
- Portland wasted millions on the Cannady affordable housing project only to have it sit mostly VACANT a year later due to ongoing problems and possible violations. (*Willamette Week* 2/6/19)

Tax \$\$\$ wasted on blocking good solutions to help homeless

- Politicians wasted \$58 million building the never-used Wapato Jail and now have actively blocked private citizens from turning it into a homeless shelter. This is a stunning example of how politicians can throw away \$58 million in tax dollars as if it was nothing and then stand in the way of people trying to help. (KGW 10/10/19)

Pouring a quarter-billion dollars in higher taxes into more boondoggles and government waste will not help the homeless, but instead make it worse.

Taxpayer Association of Oregon Urges No on 26-210

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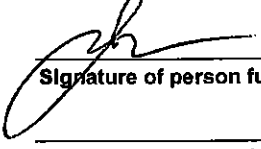
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Don't raise taxes in an economic crisis!

Front page of the *Oregonian* March 20, 2020:

"Jobless claims surge 3,200% this week"

"Unemployment rate could rise as high as 20%"

"Nearly 50,000 people would be looking for work"

On March 20, the *Portland Tribune* editorial warned:

**"This is not the time for more taxes...
Raising taxes by that amount [\$230 million]
in the face of a global recession is poor public policy."**

Thousands of family-owned restaurants and small local shops are on the brink of closing. They need income to hire people. They need paying customers to keep afloat. The massive 26-201 tax robs small business owners of both their income and their customers.

The politicians have plenty of money.

The State of Oregon already has an \$84 billion biennial budget that could be tapped into to help the homeless. The state spends more tax cash per capita than 46 other states. The money is there.

The METRO government already has \$680 million in just-approved (2019) property taxes going for affordable housing to help the homeless. Now they want more?

It comes too late.

The *Portland Tribune* said the tax "would not even be collected until 2021. So, in fact, this measure would do nothing to address the immediate 2020 crisis." (3/20/20)

The damage caused will be lifelong.

The #1 poverty cure is a job—why tax jobs?

The small businesses owners destroyed by 26-210 will become homeless, bankrupt, or on welfare.

The family restaurants destroyed by 26-210 will be replaced by low-wage corporate chain restaurants.

Vote No on Measure 26-210

**Don't throw more local businesses into bankruptcy with a massive tax increase
To prevent the expected 20% jobless rate, businesses need money—not taxes.**

Taxpayer Association of Oregon urges No on 26-210

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Measure # 26 210 Order # 0-4

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TJ Reilly [Signature] 3-20-2020
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The Oregon Small Business Association
Vote No on 26-210

COVID-19 caused the worst economic shock since the Great Depression.

It will take months or years to recover family wage jobs lost during what Gov. Kate Brown appropriately declared a State of Emergency.

COVID-19 is causing unapparelled shutdowns and slowdowns as many local small businesses are forced to make painful layoff choices in order to preserve cash and try to survive. Many families consequently are in financial crisis as they go without regular paychecks. This measure is the wrong tax at the worst possible time.

For those small businesses still hanging on and trying to make payroll or hoping to hire back valued former employees, this additional demand on scarce cash flow could be a death knell.

We also must consider the accumulation of new expenses imposed by state and local governments on small businesses, such as the new state gross receipts tax that forces payments even when a business has had huge losses – as many have because of COVID-19.

The best solution against homelessness is a job.

Small businesses want to hire – but can't if you drown them in new taxes.

Instead of reducing homelessness, Metro's proposed tax likely increase homelessness by slowing down a post-COVID recovery.

Please vote NO on Measure 26-210

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Measure # 26 - 210 Order # 0-5

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Signature of person furnishing argument

MAR. 23, 2020
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VOTERS' PAMPHLET STATEMENT (Word count: 319)

VOTE NO ON 26-210: ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Metro is at it again. Last November, Metro raised taxes \$475 million for parks and nature. Now, Metro wants \$2.5 billion for housing services. This November, Metro has plans for \$3.8 billion in taxes to expand light rail. That's **nearly \$6.8 billion in new taxes**—in one year alone.

Families are losing jobs. Businesses are closing. **Our region is in a recession.**

We can't afford Metro's reckless spending. **We can't afford Metro's new taxes.**

VOTE NO ON TWO NEW INCOME TAXES

Measure 26-210 punishes struggling families and businesses with two new income taxes. Many small and medium sized business owners will be taxed twice by Metro's measure. First on their business income, then on their personal income.

Measure 26-210 imposes thousands of dollars in new taxes on struggling families. Families who can't make their mortgage, can't afford their car payment, can't afford their student loans. In these tough times, **Measure 26-210 may create more homeless** than it helps.

Metro doesn't care. **Metro had a chance to pull this measure** once it learned how COVID-19 would destroy families and businesses. Instead, Metro chose to go full speed ahead with its punishing taxes.

VOTE NO ON METRO'S MISSION CREEP

Metro's mission is land use and transportation planning. How's that working out for you? You're stuck traffic and our housing market's a mess.

Measure 26-210 expands Metro's mission to include rental subsidies and homeless services. Metro wants you to pay for their mission creep. **Given Metro's history of misplaced priorities, do you trust them to get it right this time?**

VOTE NO ON CHAOS AND CONFUSION

Measure 26-210 was thrown together in under a month. And it shows. **Metro has no idea** who will actually have to pay the new taxes or how the taxes will be collected and enforced. **Metro has no plan** to reduce the number of actual homeless.

VOTE NO ON 26-210

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LOCAL CHAMBERS URGE NO VOTE ON METRO'S \$250 MILLION TAX INCREASE

Tualatin Chamber of Commerce
Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce
Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce
North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce
Oregon City Chamber of Commerce

Metro-area Chambers have a long track record of supporting local tax measures to fund critical public services. However, we urge voters to **oppose Metro's new \$250 million tax increase** out of concern for the health of our economy during a global pandemic and inevitable recession.

VOTE NO ON METRO'S MEASURE 26-210

- The COVID-19 "coronavirus" crisis has devastated thousands of local businesses and working families. Millions of dollars in new taxes at this time will make the situation worse.
- Measure 26-210 is a **blank check** to the Metro government. Metro leaders have failed to articulate a plan to ensure that the \$250 million raised by this tax is managed in an accountable manner.
- Metro's Measure 26-210 was developed in a backroom without adequate public input from key community leaders.

METRO RESIDENTS ARE TAXED ENOUGH ALREADY

Portland-area businesses and residents are already trying to keep up with **billions of dollars of new taxes** recently passed by the state and local governments. Measure 26-210 adds uncertainty at a time when our communities are looking for economic stability. Stacking additional taxes on the same dollar, especially during this time of crisis, will make it difficult for businesses to survive and leave Oregon families paying higher prices. We must work to stabilize the local economy in the wake of COVID-19, not add millions of new taxes.

SMALL BUSINESSES FACE DOUBLE TAXATION UNDER MEASURE 26-210

Measure 26-210 unduly hurts small and medium-sized businesses. Most small businesses register as S-Corps or LLCs and will be very impacted by the 1% personal tax increase on income over \$125,000. These same taxpayers could also face the 1% business tax increase. Double taxation is the wrong approach.

REJECT MEASURE 26-210: OUR COMMUNITIES CANNOT AFFORD IT

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Vote No on Measure 26-210

Today is different than yesterday. Our area employers are barely keeping their doors open.

It's time to rebuild.

Not pass new taxes.

We simply can't afford it.

The tax increases contained in Measure 26-210 will *nearly double* the rate of the brand new Commercial Activities Tax (CAT) just taking effect this year. There is no doubt that this measure will increase the costs of basic needs including groceries, housing and utility bills.

At a time when we can least afford it.

Long-term funding for homelessness is critical and needs to be addressed. This hastily drafted Measure is not the answer and will put what jobs are left at risk while raising the cost of basic necessities for current residents making it even less affordable to live in the Metro area.

Do not give Metro a \$250 Million blank check for the next 10 years. It's simply too costly and risky with no guarantees for a return.

Can Metro families really afford more?

We cannot consider these new personal and business taxes in a vacuum. Any new tax must be considered based on the cumulative effect of taxing the same dollar. In 2020 alone Metro residents will be asked to consider a slew of new, stacking taxes:

- \$250 million Metro business income and personal income tax increase
- \$16 million City of Portland gas tax renewal
- 3.9% personal income tax increase to fund universal preschool
- Multnomah County business income tax increase
- \$3 billion Metro transportation tax package
- \$1.4 billion Portland Public Schools bond
- \$405 million Multnomah County library bond

At a time when we can least afford it.

We simply can't consider adding new business and income taxes during this unprecedented time of crisis. Our employers must focus on rebuilding, keeping their doors open, shelves stocked, and paychecks signed.

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Filing Information

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 Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition
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**Oregon Farm Bureau Federation and Oregon Association of Nurseries
OPPOSE Measure 26-210**

The Metro area is home to thousands of acres of family farms and nurseries. They've grown our local produce, Christmas trees and garden plants for many generations. These farms need certainty that they can keep operating during the COVID-19 crisis and afterward, when they are rebuilding from the economic damage of the crisis, not new taxes.

Metro's family farms can't afford another tax

Long-term funding for homelessness is should be prioritized. However, this hastily-drafted measure will reduce cash flow for local farm families at a time when they are struggling to keep their doors open. Many nurseries compete against growers from other states with lower cost burdens. This tax harms the ability to ship environmentally beneficial products across the country.

Farmers need a break, not more taxes

Farm net income is down 50% over the last four years, even before coronavirus. This tax will nearly double the rate of the brand-new corporate activities tax (CAT), which taxes low margin businesses, like farms and nurseries, even if they don't make a profit.

Measure 26-210 makes the current situation much worse. In addition to taxing businesses based on their business income, it also taxes personal income, which for most family farms means **double taxation**. Most farms and nurseries are LLCs and S-Corps; they pay personal income taxes on their business earnings, even after they pay business income taxes.

Metro can't afford this tax either

Countless businesses will be struggling to stay afloat as we recover from coronavirus. A new tax on family business will make that even harder. This measure risks putting family farms and nurseries out of business. We don't know the long-term consequences of the coronavirus crisis, but we do know this is the WRONG time for a new \$250 million tax.

**VOTE NO on Measure 26-210
It's a LOSE-LOSE situation for family farms and nurseries**

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