



REPRESENTATIVE JEFF BARKER
D - WASHINGTON COUNTY

“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.”



SENATOR MARK HASS
D - OREGON SENATE REVENUE COMMITTEE CHAIR

“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.”



SENATOR BETSY JOHNSON
D - MULTNOMAH, WASHINGTON COUNTIES

“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.”

**DEMOCRATIC LEADERS AGREE:
SEND METRO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD.**



**Vote No on
Measure 26-218**

FROM THEIR VOTER PAMPHLET STATEMENTS:

REPRESENTATIVE JEFF BARKER

“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 and paychecks.”

SENATOR MARK HASS

“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.”

SENATOR BETSY JOHNSON

“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? They should use their wildly oversized bureaucracy to help people and businesses get back on their feet.”

THIS IS NOT A TAX ON BUSINESS PROFITS OR WEALTHY INDIVIDUALS, METRO WANTS TO TAX THE PAYCHECKS OF WORKING PEOPLE.



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Stop the Metro Wage Tax
P.O. Box 42307
Portland, OR 97242

70%

Portion of Metro area employees who will have their wages taxed.

\$7 BILLION

The amount of money that Metro wants to spend - the largest revenue increase ever in our area.

.75%

The rate that voters would authorize Metro to permanently tax their wages. Metro can change where the money goes and who pays without further voter approval.

3%

Amount of the \$7 billion that is planned to be spent on actually reducing traffic congestion.

0.05%

Total amount of carbon emission reduction after \$7 billion in spending.

FOREVER

Length of time tax would remain in effect once voters approve Metro’s spending on its short-term projects.