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## COMMON SENSE FOR OREGON

November 19, 2014

Dear friends:

We have just experienced a mid-term election where Oregon is a bit out of step with national trends. Most states trended in a more conservative direction on November 4, but Oregon appears to have trended in a more liberal direction.

Common Sense for Oregon is a bi-partisan organization focusing on limiting government regulation and taxation. While a majority of our supporters are Republicans or minor party members as opposed to Democrats, there are moderate to conservative Democrats in Oregon and many support our cause.

Our immediate focus is reforming the Oregon estate tax. We have an opportunity to push this issue with the Oregon legislature because Gov. John Kitzhaber wants to pursue comprehensive tax reform. From our perspective, this opens the door for discussion about the negative effects of the Oregon estate tax. Oregon discourages entrepreneurs from coming to our state, and encourages successful entrepreneurs to leave Oregon as they get older. Other states have recognized that senior citizens are a valuable resource and encourage them to come to those states. Oregon might be God's country in regards to natural resources, but we are less than heavenly when it comes to the tax situation as it affects successful senior citizens. We will need to work hard to convince legislators to rally behind our cause.

We will also press forward with a 2016 initiative to "Protect Family Giving from Taxes" (including taxes upon death). To press on, Common Sense for Oregon needs your help – both financially and by volunteering – to press forward in Oregon.

We are introducing a new way that you can support our cause. You can now donate monthly, through our automatic deduction system. Monthly giving provides many benefits

to Common Sense for Oregon. It is a steady and predictable source of income for us and it is obtained at significantly lower administrative costs than other fundraising methods.

However, it also benefits you! Your monthly gifts go further and can therefore effect even more change. Additionally, you have the ability to increase, decrease, or cancel your monthly contributions whenever you wish. If you would like to become a monthly support member, please click on the button below and fill out the form that is attached.

If you would rather forgo this process and give by the more traditional route, then please go to our website [www.commonsensefororegon.org](http://www.commonsensefororegon.org) and make a contribution of \$500, \$250, \$50, or whatever you can afford.

By contributing today, you are brightening the future for your children and grandchildren.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Mannix

President, Common Sense for Oregon

**Automatic Monthly Support Member** |

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