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Jerralynn Ness & Kent Thurber 9865 N.W. Kaiser Road Portland, Oregon 97231

Dear Jarrelynn & Kent:

Thank you for writing to me regarding the "kicker." I appreciate hearing your views on this important issue.

As you may know, I am a strong advocate for education programs and institutions here in the State of Oregon. As Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, I am actively seeking ways to adequately fund all of our state's educational needs. I will not vote to keep the "kicker" until I feel we should raise taxes. This potential revenue should only be used as a last resort after all other possible means of funding have been exhausted.

Thanks again for your letter. I truly believe that education is the answer and will be working hard to support this principle.

Sincerely,

Tom Hartung

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