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Oregon Governor Signs \$1B Tax Hike, Launching Assault on Oregon's Economy Betrays Small Businesses She Once Said Create 70% of New Jobs

Oregon GOP Chair Says Governor Brown Puts Politics and Placating Far Left First

Wilsonville, OR – Governor Kate Brown revealed her true colors today, approving a massive new tax hike on Oregon small businesses that will raise taxes by [over \\$1 billion](#) in the next six years.

“The “Kate Brown small business tax hike” is an assault on Oregon’s economy and yet another betrayal of hardworking taxpayers, families, and businesses who are already struggling under the weight of Kate Brown’s transportation tax hikes, healthcare tax hikes, and even bicycle tax hikes,” stated Oregon Republican Chairman Bill Currier.

Even Governor Brown herself has recognized the importance of small businesses to Oregon’s economy and job growth, as noted in a recent Bend Bulletin [editorial](#):

[Governor Brown has said] “Small businesses are the backbone of Oregon’s economy, creating 70 percent of new jobs in the state” and that “We can encourage job growth by giving small-business owners and emerging entrepreneurs the tools they need to expand.”

However, Oregon’s Republican Party says the Governor’s words now ring phony and hollow in the aftermath of her signing of Senate Bill 1528.

“Governor Brown has betrayed her rhetoric on small businesses time and time again. Now it plain for all to see that **Kate Brown is proud to be the most anti-small business Governor in Oregon history**. Oregonians deserve better than a tax-hiking, [Soros-funded](#) Governor who won’t stand up for the ‘backbone’ of our economy,” said Chair Currier.

Far left activist groups lobbied hard for sticking it to small businesses, and they have even more sweeping tax increases they want to see happen, even if, like SB 1528, they have to skirt Oregon’s Constitution to get them done.

“With the Governor putting the politics of placating the far left first, this tax hike also serves as a warning – no tax is safe from being hiked by Kate Brown. A massive new regressive energy tax is likely next on Brown’s disastrous agenda,” added Currier.

“Oregonians will have a choice this November: Reward Kate Brown for her mismanagement and tax hike schemes or forge a new way forward that puts small businesses and families back in the driver’s seat. Change cannot come soon enough.”

The Oregon Republican Party is the state’s arm of the Republican National Committee. Its Chairman and officers are dedicated to promoting Republican principles within the state of Oregon and to improving the lives and livelihoods of Oregon’s working families through economic freedom and equal protection under the law.



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