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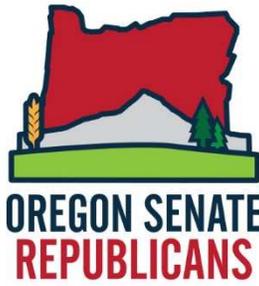
Senator Ted Ferrioli Responds To Governor's 'All-Talk' 2016 Agenda

Salem, Ore. - Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day) released the following statement in response to Governor Kate Brown's 2016 policy agenda:

"We've had enough of Governor Brown saying one thing and doing another. She pledged to pass a transportation package in 2015, and then abandoned that pledge when California billionaire and Democrat megadonor Tom Steyer pushed back. She pledged openness and transparency, but has continued to hamstring public records requests and keep agency business in the shadows. Today, she told us she wants to get government out of the way of small business, but just proposed the highest minimum wage in the nation - guaranteed to kill small businesses already struggling to stay afloat.

Oregon can't afford an all-talk Governor. Her education plan goes no further than "studying" Oregon's problems and never proposing a real plan to fix them. She supports mandates that force small businesses to lay off employees, then is puzzled by why businesses are cutting jobs. Oregon cannot afford another failed Governor. We need less talk and more action from Governor Brown on the issues that matter to Oregonians: fixing our broken education system, restoring a strong economy statewide and passing a transportation package now, not in 2017."

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