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## Time to End the Wasteful Short Session

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Senator Thatcher has submitted one bill for the upcoming 2020 short session. What does that one bill do? It proposes to end the so-called short sessions.

**Senator Thatcher finds that these short sessions are unneeded.** The short sessions were initially sold to the voters as an important session to deal with critically important and timely corrections to the state budget. At that time, Oregon only met during the odd years for longer sessions. **Sadly, the short session has simply been used as a time to enact general, and often controversial, legislation.** Due to the compressed time-frame for the session, laws are not properly vetted, The people of the state of Oregon *do not have time to properly voice their thoughts about the laws.* Legislative committees

do not have the time to properly examine the repercussions of the laws and the potential for poor laws to make it through these sessions.

**Ending the short session will save the state money**, ensure that our legislature remains a “citizen legislature”, and, most importantly, we could be more certain that laws enacted are done so with more thought and attention. Senator Thatcher believes we should end the short sessions and asks the legislature to vote for her upcoming bill and allow the people of Oregon to end the wasteful and unneeded session that often, due to its closeness to upcoming elections, becomes more of a stage for posturing for the future election.

**How can you help?** Start talking to your friends and neighbors about ending the wasteful session. And definitely communicate to your legislator about voting for Senator Thatcher's bill. But also, have you heard of the Oregon Political Tax Credit? This can be essentially free money that you can give to my Political Action Campaign (PAC)? **What? "free money!?" How does that work?** In Oregon, an individual can give any amount they want to a PAC. **And with the Political Action Tax Credit you can take \$50.00 of that donation as a dollar for dollar reduction or credit against your STATE OF OREGON income taxes** (married filing jointly can take a credit of \$100.00 - and certain new limitations apply so check with an accountant). So you can give now but get that \$50 or \$100 back later in reduced taxes you pay to the state. Effectively, pre-paying your taxes to my PAC! ***I will use the money to ensure that we build towards a Republican Majority so the socialist Democrats can't ruin our state with their foolish ideas!*** Click here to [help!](#)

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Sincerely,  
Senator Kim Thatcher



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