

As I am busy trying to keep our finances on track here in the state of Oregon I am pasting in some very good points for you to consider on this horrendous plan for more taxes:

Shame on you for trying to impose this tax on off-road vehicles, that actually aren't even vehicles at all, they are pieces of equipment.

This is a direct attack on farmers and loggers. Many of whom you exempted just a short time ago. Many of these businesses have already purchased Tier Four equipment which is the strictest clean emissions standards, to the tune of millions and millions of dollars. Maybe you should study TIER FOUR equipment.

Now to try and impose this tax, behind closed doors, when we are all working, is disgraceful. Is this why the building is closed because you want to pass taxes in secrecy? Where's transparency and accountability?

You claim there's no affordable housing, and if that was the most important issue, you should be ashamed of yourself right now. I work with a builder who told me two days ago, last years lumber material cost for a house was \$22,000 and this year the lumber for the same house cost \$46,000. You're going to have a stateful of tent cities if you continue to nickel and dime every activity because it's going to trickle down to the consumer, as it always does. You've already imposed a CAT tax that blatantly gets passed on to the consumer, now you're trying to impose a privilege timber tax and you're trying to impose an off-road diesel tax, to those whom never even use a road. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

Loggers and Farmers should be considered heroes, for all the carbon sequestration that our industry provides and yet you let the forest burn up to the tune of millions and millions of acres. Now all of our insurance premiums have skyrocketed, if we can even get insurance at all. And now all these new crafty taxes on the slate. You have no concept of the reality of the cost of doing business in the state of Oregon. You cannot put the burden on the backs of the working families in Oregon. You have to prioritize spending in a different way, instead of tax tax TAX to death. Angelita Sanchez #timberunity