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We already have too many taxes in Oregon. When I moved here 40 years ago, Oregon had one of the lowest tax burdens in the nation. We now are in the top 10. I live in rural Oregon and have watched my taxes continue to rise with NO benefit. The Oregon legislature, Governor, and unelected bureaucrats continue to pass laws and regulations that impact my life, livelihood, and property without benefits. This proposal raises taxes for a use not intended in our Constitution. The money will not be used to help our rural communities but the urban centers of our state. It removes local control, and will eliminate Constitutional limits on property tax rates (Measure 5) and assessment rates (Measure 50). Rural Oregonians will be at risk to lose their property as we have a disproportionate elderly and veteran population in rural areas. We have learnt that without limits, our politicians will continue to raise taxes and fees without constraint: look at the DMV fees that have skyrocketed since the legislature took control out the citizen's hands.
NO MORE TAXES. We are overburdened.