

Submitter: Chad Kernutt
On Behalf Of: WE THE PEOPLE
Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation
Funding
Measure, Appointment or Topic: LC 2

Dear Lawmakers,

My name is Chad Kernutt, I have a single income family of 5, and I'm testifying today in opposition to the proposed democrat party tax bill LC-2 seeking to raise taxes on us hard working tax paying citizens by going after the daily transportation of everyone living outside of Portlandia and taking more from our paychecks via payroll taxes and much more and funneling the new tax money into the ODOT budget coffers and city and county budgets. WE THE PEOPLE are not ok with and do not consent to continuing the dump of tax payer dollars into an ODOT agency that continues to fail audits, goes dangerously over budget on every project that they partake in, does not adequately prioritize their projects in the first place and continues to put the progressive wish list projects of Oregons metro city, Portlandia, to the front of the line, despite them always ending up as failures and money pits that seem to be never ending. Meanwhile the rest of the state and especially the rural communities continue to suffer when it comes to our roads and infrastructure. It's already egregious that the entire state gets taxed for the ridiculous Portland metro transportation system just so the state government can keep Portlands rail car, bus systems, and electric vehicle charging stations going, when the rest of us Oregonians who are not Portlanders do not and will not ever use the dagone things.

Oregon already ranks 3rd in highest income taxed states and 18th in highest property taxes. Marijuana taxes, gross receipts sales taxes, carbon taxes, increased can/bottle taxes, Portland transit payroll taxes, and diesel rig taxes were the latest brain child tax bills dreamed up and forced upon WE THE PEOPLE in Oregon by Oregons governor and democrat lawmakers and it's done nothing to improve our economy, climate change, or give us more money in our pockets for our families. It seems a bit disgusting, reckless, and irresponsible to me that their are lawmakers dreaming up new taxes to fix the states budget issues and prop up it's failing agencies when the state is steered and led by Democrats to begin with who can not affectively manage money, investments, or keep it's agencies out of continuous scandals. Especially when meanwhile, the very same governor, lawmakers, and committees have done everything in their power to make costs go up from both ends on the food supply chain and on commodities, and allowed rent prices, mortgage rates, property taxes, and energy rates to climb through the roof in the last 4 years. WE THE PEOPLE do not need new taxes. We need relief and the ability to keep more of our hard earned money for our families. Please vote NO on LC-2. Thank you.
Sincerely,
Chad Kernutt

Albany, Oregon

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