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I'm writing to urge you to oppose any new taxes or fees during the upcoming special session. Oregonians are tapped out. The cost of living is already driving families out of their homes—and every new fee only deepens the cycle of displacement and dependency.

Instead of asking taxpayers for more, it's time to reprioritize the budget. Start with a full audit of existing programs. There's waste—plenty of it—and we all know it. Rebudget with transparency and accountability. Stop funding pet projects while basic infrastructure and public trust crumble.

ODOT is a prime example. Layoffs, mismanagement, and ballooning costs show that throwing more money at broken systems isn't working. Before asking for another dime, show us where the last billion went—and why it didn't deliver.

I urge you to consider proposals that focus on structural reform, not endless taxation. Try something different. Oregonians deserve leadership that listens, audits, and adapts—not one that defaults to taxing the very people it's failing to serve.

Respectfully, Tracy Bigonovich Canby, OR