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To the Oregon State Legislature, I'm a 75-year-old grandmother, retired, living on Social Security, and taking care of a disabled senior in my home. Life's hard enough in Oregon without you adding more taxes. Raising the gas tax, putting new charges on cars in a few years, hiking vehicle fees, and taking more from paychecks is just too much. My electric bill from PGE keeps going up, and I dread opening it each month. Insurance for my home and car costs more every year, and I'm pinching pennies to keep the lights on and food on the table. Our roads are full of potholes, and schools don't seem any better, but I see money wasted everywhere. There are still so many homeless folks on the streets, and nothing seems to fix it. Why are we paying for fancy government jobs, like the governor's wife getting a state paycheck, when seniors like me can't afford to stay in our homes? I've heard of people leaving Oregon because it's too expensive, and I'm scared I'll have to leave too. I worked hard all my life, raised a family, and now I'm struggling to get by. These taxes and fees make it harder to care for my loved one and keep our home. Please, think of us seniors and stop raising costs. Use the money you already have wisely and vote no on this bill. Thank you.