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We, as small business owners within the state of Oregon have been in business here for a little over 40 years. These past 5 years have taken big financial drains on our business which is Trucking. A few years ago, we were hit with 25% PUC tax increase, which means we pay .252 cents per mile to drive within this state. On the personal end of it, we see yearly increases on our property taxes, insurance costs have soared with home, property & this past year hit with a 17% truck insurance increase. Our registration fees raise every year. We would like to know where the Lottery tax money, CAT tax, Marijuana tax, transit tax & now the Family Paid Leave we are stuck paying, which has been improperly used. We cannot tolerate anymore tax increases until we see audits of all state depts., accountability of budgets for all state depts. You also need to take a strong look at State employee wages & benefits. It is hard for us to provide benefits at today's cost. Our industry has seen tremendous operating costs in the past few years. Our Governor has spent so much money on homeless people when there are low income people who live on Social Security & they don't get the benefits that she has provided for homeless & drug people in this state. In her good conscience, how don't know how she expects the people of this state to take any tax increases at all!! You wonder why we are losing big industry in this state, just keep raising taxes & there won't be any left here. You will be creating more homeless & families in financial straits if you pass these tax increases.