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Ms. Kotek,

What are you trying to do to Oregonians? You talk about fixing homelessness out of one side of your mouth and taxing those who are actually trying to make a living out of the other side of your mouth.

We are still reeling over your Energy Commission hiking the PGE rates not once but twice, more than tripling how much it costs for us to heat and cool our homes. Some people I know became homeless simply due to that as they couldn't pay PGE, buy food and pay the already outlandish rents that Oregonians have to pay.

You have wasted billions of dollars already in defunct projects in Portland and the suburbs and continue to spend money foolishly, crippling our economy, driving businesses out of Oregon, fostering hopelessness and violence due to people becoming desperate and you honestly apparently are so out of touch with life for "normal" people that you simply don't care.

I am sick of politicians playing kings and queens and grinding down your subjects with your boots by extracting ridiculous price hikes that are already out of control. Now you want to charge skyrocketing prices on title and registration fees, more taxes on gas and huge increases in payroll taxes?

You tried to intercept part of next years' kicker to pay for some kind of effort to fight wildfires, yet Oregon politicians have stopped forestation and that has damaged our forests and caused many of the wildfires that you want to throw billions of dollars at which will probably be futile and a waste of our money.

All on the backs of working Oregonians. Who do you think you are?

Stop it. Just stop it. You are not good for Portland. You are not good for Oregon.