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On Behalf Of:
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Dear Governor Kotek and Esteemed Legislators,

I am writing to urge you not to impose additional gas or payroll taxes to fund the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Oregonians are already struggling with rising costs of living, and adding new taxes would place an even greater financial burden on families, workers, and businesses who are trying to make ends meet.

ODOT's funding challenges should not automatically translate into higher taxes. Instead, I encourage you to:

- Prioritize an internal audit of ODOT to identify inefficiencies and redirect resources to the agency's core mission—repairing and maintaining our roads.
- Reduce administrative bloat and non-essential spending, ensuring that taxpayer dollars go toward the infrastructure that Oregonians rely on daily.
- Pursue accountability and transparency measures so the public can see that existing funds are being used effectively, before being asked to contribute more.

We all agree that safe, reliable infrastructure is critical to Oregon's future. However, additional gas or payroll taxes are not the solution. Working Oregonians cannot afford further increases, and it is the responsibility of state leadership to ensure ODOT operates within its means.

Please protect Oregon families from additional tax burdens and instead commit to auditing and reforming ODOT to refocus on its most important work.

Respectfully,
Lindsey Voorhees