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I am writing as a concerned Oregon resident to express my strong opposition to the proposed gas tax hike and other service fee increases being considered to cover the Oregon Department of Transportation's budget shortfall.

Like many Oregonians, I am already feeling the strain of rising costs in nearly every area of life — from groceries, to utilities, to housing. Adding a higher gas tax and additional fees only deepens the burden on working families, retirees, and small businesses. Many of us depend on our vehicles for work, medical appointments, and everyday responsibilities. Increasing these costs will hit rural communities especially hard, where public transportation is limited and driving is the only practical option.

I believe the state should first take a hard look at ODOT's spending practices and priorities before asking citizens to pay more. Accountability and efficiency must come before new taxes. Raising costs without addressing the root causes of the budget failure is not a fair or sustainable solution.

I urge you to reject this proposal and instead focus on responsible budgeting, smarter use of existing resources, and finding solutions that do not place yet another burden on the people of Oregon.

Thank you for your time and for considering the voices of ordinary Oregonians like myself.