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On Behalf Of:

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Governor Kotek,

I am writing regarding the special session that you have called to discuss raising Oregonian's taxes. We cannot afford more taxation. Our state is losing businesses, people are moving out. Housing has become unaffordable for people to buy and have the dream of homeownership. We pay among the highest taxes in the entire nation the way it is and to further increase taxes is burdensome for us as workers and those that own businesses. To raise taxes without a public vote is unconscionable. I oppose this tactic.

ODOT can continue to perform necessary operations if they cut the waste and pet projects in the department. When businesses large & small and families have trouble making ends meet, we have to cut costs and make sacrifices, and we expect our state government to do the same. There may be some layoffs, projects might need to be delayed but penalizing your taxpayers to fund the unnecessary is unfair.

Remember how you got into this office. You were elected by the people and we the people demand fair representation. At the least, we demand that this come before the people in ballot that can be voted upon. Not passed in a secret session.

Thank you,
Sandy Van Dyk