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Back with measure 5, taxpayers sent a clear message to our government representatives. Taxes were out of control. Now the state has used tax revenue in ways that don't benefit all Oregonians and instead address pet issues of our elected officials. Raise taxes? No. That is not the answer. Cut waste and programs not supported by the people you represent. Fees are just hidden taxes meant to get around the spirit of Measure 5. Cut unnecessary spending and programs. Does that mean laying off employees? Well that's what happens in the rest of the world. Reduce administrative bloat. The only area I do agree with is an increase in fees for EV vehicles. They are heavier, cause more road wear and damage and, because much of the funds for road repairs come from current gas taxes, the owners should pay a share of the costs. Instead of raising fees and taxes, maybe focus on bringing jobs to Oregon and encouraging businesses here to stay.