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The Transportation bill, if passed, will negatively affect the lives of many Seniors in rural areas like Tillamook County, and add a large ridership burden to our already inadequate public transportation system. The combined new taxes will have many (Seniors especially) giving up their cars due to financial strains and in doing so, lose their independence. As you know this can result in loneliness, depression, health loss from grocery issues, and even suicide. This will not make for a healthy robust populace.

Public bus transportation is extremely limited in Tillamook County, not coming within a mile of my home. Taxi service is not available. My only public option would be the very limited option of Dial-a-Ride which is already insufficient for our local needs.

The gas and vehicle taxes obviously would also raise the cost of all goods delivered into Tillamook County - including our grocery prices, and ironically the price of gas and fuel delivered to our gas stations. A double whammy.

Locally, as folks decide to drive less to save money our local economy will suffer due to loss sales, being replaced by Amazon deliveries and such, or just less consumer spending in general. These taxes will have a bad ripple affect locally.

And for the state, when folks start giving up their vehicles state revenue will drop accordingly... so you really will not have accomplished anything, except less vehicles from which to collect.

Please reconsider other options that have been presented. Higher gas taxes and vehicle related taxes are not the way to go.

Thanks for listening.

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