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PLEASE DO NOT RAISE OUR TAXES!!!!

I am aware ODOT is in a budget deficit, and that it can't just "move money". HOWEVER, that can be fixed with legislation.

As an Oregon taxpayer, when my personal budget is in a deficit, I can't just raise my paycheck to what I need so I can continue to spend as I want. I have to make cuts, even hard ones, to stay within a budget. I know that lawmakers can find a way to make the cuts in the budget while saving jobs. Maybe, just a thought, ending contracts with advisors??

As a taxpayer, WE ARE AT A BREAKING POINT. As a taxpayer, we pay more than other states (despite the fraudulent chart made by ODOT to try to say we pay less than other surrounding states - that was proven to not take into account the sales tax they pay which does not go to their transportation programs.) Once these are raised to make up for that shortfall, it isn't like the taxes will be lowered.

PLEASE STOP, DO NOT RAISE OUR TAXES. WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO PAY THESE HIGH RATES.

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