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It is rather disappointing to watch taxpayers continue to be punished for Oregon's mismanagement of funds. Rather than continue down this path during a time when taxpayers are already feeling the squeeze in this state, to me a sensible solution would be to temporarily allow for reallocation of funding to keep ODOT solvent until the next biennium budget cycle.

That said, there is a greater issue at hand. This body's views on industry in this state drastically need to change. Our states viability into the future depends on it. Oregon is a state flush with natural resources. Natural resources have an incredible value to not only Oregonians but to our neighbors and globally. We do have an incredible responsibility to care for those resources for our future generations to enjoy and receive the same benefits. However, squandering them to the appeasement of extremism isn't the answer either.

I'm a moderate, I vote for both Democrats and Republicans, I'm a 5th generation Oregonian, and I'm very concerned for our states future. I'm tired of witnessing billions of board feet of timber burn senselessly. I'm tired of watching 40 years of failed policy continue to drag this state down.

Taxing us more doesn't fix the problems YOU all have and continue to create. If we continue down this path, we will just be back here in 6 months to a year with another Oregon department insolvent. I urge you to reach across party lines and work together towards a sensible future that benefits conservation and industry alike, that will restore funding to many of the state and local government coffers as well as create good jobs into the future for our citizens.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

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