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I am a Corvallis resident, and I am extremely concerned about the push to revitalize the transportation tax bill. Oregon families are stretched thin trying to live day to day and afford housing. Additional taxes and fees will make daily life more unaffordable and drive even more businesses out of state due to our cost of living and high taxes. I have spent many years running businesses through up and down business cycles and during down times businesses have to cut back and only fund need to have not nice to have programs. ODOT must look internally to what is necessary and make cuts to live within their current budget. Too often we hear of cost overruns on projects. Managers of these projects need to be held accountable and our elected representatives, instead of raising taxes, need to focus on streamlining projects and removing unnecessary regulations which drive cost up. Please focus on better ways to do business and DON'T punish Oregonians by raising unnecessary taxes. Build trust with Oregonians, DON'T punish us with more taxes!