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The proposal to add additional tax and fees using a Special Session of the Legislature is absolutely unacceptable. Oregonians are not being listened to by politicians. We said No new fees or taxes at the end of the regular session and Oregonians are saying No now.

1 in 3 Oregonians are on some sort of entitlement or public assistance. Why? Because the policies passed for the last several decades are driving the state into an economic collapse. This course of action is not sustainable! Government officials have spent more time, money attacking issues that do not help Oregonians put food on the table and a roof over their heads. Those who are working are tapped out because of rising costs from local and state bureaucrats. Businesses are leaving because they cannot afford to pay more-small businesses-the backbone of many communities are the most vulnerable.

The current proposal for the Special Session hurts families and the elderly (our most vulnerable populations). In my neighborhood, monthly taxes for Seniors are outpacing the cost of housing, food and medicine. For those on a fixed income this is terrifying. Capable young people are fleeing the state because they can't afford to live in Oregon and they can't save for a future (home, children). Oregon has a huge economic tapeworm problem that is eating away on the future of our state.

Oregonians are also learning that our tax dollars are wasted and misspent by the millions. You can't run a household, business or state in this manner. Policy makers must change what they are doing. Voters rejected this raise in taxes and fees in June it is outrageous that politicians are trying to get higher taxes and fees on Oregonians again.

No more taxes and no more fees. No more money for ODOT, NGO's, and other entitlements. Oregon needs to clean up the trash! Kotek said she would do that, but the policies she is advocating are only trashing Oregonians.

Respectfully,
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