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On Behalf Of:

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Attention Committee members,

ODOT already has a sum of some \$6.9 billion in funding yet highway 217 is STILL under construction and has been for over a decade. What makes you think throwing more money at this will fix the problem? I assure you it will not. Better management of resources should be the focus of this conversation, not how much more money can be squeezed from hardworking Oregonians. Oregonians who are all feeling the ever increasing burden of the economy as it is. You still have people struggling to afford groceries and yet you propose to make them pay more for gas? Make them take more out of their paycheck? Force them to pay double to register their vehicles every two years?! Not to mention the egregious overreach of the proposed "Section 12". Allowing ODOT to raise fuel taxes WITHOUT A 3/5ths VOTE?! Have we forgotten our history as fellow Americans? No taxation without representation! I know I stand with thousands of my fellow Oregonians in saying we do NOT need Governor Kotek's proposed transportation funding increases. You have enough, use it wisely.

Respectfully,

Another blue-collar Oregonian