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I urge a No Vote on this funding package. This is not because I want to see ODOT gutted. As a worker in this industry, I fully support solving Oregon's transportation challenges with predictable and solid funding mechanisms. But continued tax increases are just a dead end. Citizens already pay taxes in many ways while we witness waste and fraud across state departments. It is so discouraging to read about the PERS system being in the red, waste and fraud within General Fund programs, people and organizations who take tax money and provide no service in return. And spending more money to save non-citizens and sure the federal government for your ideological disagreements. Looking to steal the kicker for yet another pet program or payoff. As a taxpayer, I'm tired of Oregon's legislators doing NOTHING beyond reaching deeper into our pockets for the essential needs while they alongside a democratic governor spend millions (perhaps trillions) on pet programs to feed their ideology and their pals. You take plenty of our money already and can figure it out. Look elsewhere. Find the savings somewhere to save ODOT.