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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Sondra Treasure, and my Oregon roots run deep. My grandmother graduated from Scappoose High School in 1920. My great-grandparents, grandparents, parents, husband—all are buried here in Portland and Salem. My children were born here. I went to school in Salem and graduated from Mazama High School in Klamath Falls. I now own a home in the same neighborhood I played in as a child.

This is my home. I don't want to leave. But if this measure passes, I will. I cannot continue living in an environment where corruption and financial negligence go unchecked.

ODOT lost a billion dollars. No accountability. No investigation. No effort to recover the funds. Instead, taxpayers are expected to foot the bill. Meanwhile, politicians funnel money to friends and family, and NGOs take public funds to "solve" homelessness—yet the crisis worsens.

Now, the governor wants to hand taxing authority to a government entity that has already proven itself incapable of managing public funds responsibly. Taxpayers are not ATM machines. This proposal is not only reckless—it's likely unconstitutional. Legislators would be surrendering their duty and right to vote on taxes on behalf of their districts. Why would you give up that responsibility? Why would you ignore the will of the people, when polls show nearly 90% of Oregonians oppose this tax?

I know many who feel the same. Friends, neighbors—hardworking, taxpaying families—have already left Oregon. Others are preparing to follow.

I am an active member of my community. I pay my taxes. I care for my property. I've lived here most of my life, and I want to stay. But if this law passes, it will confirm that our leaders are more interested in backroom deals than representing their constituents. And I will leave.

Please vote NO. Do the right thing.