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I strongly oppose the tax hikes that are being brought up. My husband and I drive an hour each day to get to work and back, the gas tax would make our checks smaller and so would the payroll tax! How are we supposed to afford childcare, mortgage, commuting, food? The taxation of this legislation and state is getting out of control. This needs to stop. There is a transit tax for a reason, is the money not being used efficiently? Why is it now such an issue for these funds now that the State isn't complying with the new presidential administration? I would think that taking care of actual tax paying members of this state would be more important than paying for illegal immigrants. When the transit tax was implemented we were told that would solve all the issues. Why is it not? There needs to be an audit of all statewide spending and how funds are being used. There are plenty of taxes that we pay. How is it not enough? Is there going to be a point when it ends? This over taxation is making this state unlivable. As a resident and tax paying citizen I think we all deserve these answers. If there is such a need for these tax hikes then I want to see the governor take the first step and take a salary cut and lead by example. Up the taxes on people that can afford it because I sure can't. Layoff the career politicians and worthless people at ODOT, clean the fat from the state offices. I know it exists, my father worked at the state for 23 years and would come home complaining of the waste of personnel and people milking PERS dry. The state and local government can take this in the shorts. I don't want to anymore.