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As a mother of three on a limited income, I am deeply distressed by Governor Kotek's proposed tax and fee increases.

My husband and I haven't seen a pay raise in several years, despite the painful and debilitating increases in everyday costs.

Oregon's gas prices are already far above the national average - it feels so unfair that while other states are experiencing at least one point of relief in the relentlessly increasing weight of an oppressive cost of living, we in our community continue to be burdened with higher costs!

I find this action confusing as I believed the democratic party cared about the struggle lower income families like ours face. Why should a budget deficit be taken out on us instead of other less essential areas of government than transportation!?

As I clip coupons and cut corners to make ends meet for my children, this feels like cruel betrayal by our leadership.