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I am in opposition to the transportation tax bill. We have to live within our budget and the State of Oregon needs to do the same. Stop increasing taxes on individuals and families and businesses. This would not be happening if governor was complying with federal laws. Federal matching is critical to state budgets. She is causing our state to lose federal money.

The State of Oregon taxes and fee increases are unfriendly to business, families and running businesses and jobs out of our state.

No legislature should ever be able to pass a law that gives them permission to raise taxes and fees in the future.

I am also in opposition of state legislature, judicial and especially the executive branches, specifically the governor and agency heads appointed by governor, all circumventing our state constitutional rights, circumventing will of the people and circumventing our elected representatives, under the guise of emergencies, implementing administrative rule revisions, taxes and fees, by declaring faux emergencies, thereby circumventing approval of the people.

Lack of proper budgeting is not an emergency.

Not staying on budget is not an emergency.

Not complying with federal laws and rules resulting in loss of federal dollars is not an emergency.

An emergency is a catastrophic earthquake or a Tsunami that wipes out the Oregon coast all the way to the Willamette Valley.

The state government not budgeting properly; not maintaining assets they have, causing labor and other shortages, are NOT emergencies. Choosing to keep business closed, firing people who didn't comply with mandates that violate our God given rights, creating employee shortages in essential service areas are "manufactured emergencies." Government orchestrated the shortages of workers in healthcare, education, EMS, law enforcement, etc., inflating prices, wages, e.t.c.

Implementing new taxes, admin rules and programs through abuses of executive authority is wrong and violates voice of citizens who have stated clearly- stop regulating us to death, stop taxing us to death, stop harming people and businesses

essential for our state to thrive.

Do not pass this. We will vote you out. Businesses and people will leave. Our state is dying economically and all people young and old are being crushed with taxes and regulations.

Gas taxes and vehicle registrations that enable leisure and essential movement to access food, clothing and to get to work to earn money that is then taxed some more, is egregious.

Property taxes on homes is egregious.

Regulations on land use has created artificial shortages of land, timber and other essential resources and products.

No to more taxes and fees.

No to more regulations and more regulators to enforce unnecessary regulations, fees, e.t.c.

No to threats to stop essential maintenance of roads.

ODOT has ONE primary function-maintenance and development of a functioning, safe transportation system. This includes road maintenance and repairs. Do your job with the funding you already have. Stop engaging in fiscal malfeasance.

The people and businesses of this state are sick of the governor's office abuse of executive orders and governors' violation of our rights and protections under the Oregon Constitution. This was egregious during covid and has not stopped under Governor Tina Kotek.

People and business are voting with their feet and leaving. If you pass this legislation people will vote every one of you out who vote for this transportation package.

And stop threatening not to maintain roads people need to access work, school, healthcare, etc., which is essential, when people say no to bloated budgets and fiscal malfeasance of the state Department of Transportation. Cut out the wasteful, unnecessary spending on DEI and other training which is not essential compared to actual function of ODOT which is functioning roads, bridges, road maintenance, infrastructure repairs.

And this emergency session is waste of our tax dollars.