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Dear Governor Committee Members and Legislators I am a married 70 year old retiree living on a fixed income like many of my peers and have been finding it harder by the day just to stay above water. The rising cost of everything has already strained our budget I mean come on 16 dollars for a good steak and over 4 dollars for a gallon of gas and the list goes on and on. In this time of economic uncertainty I find it hard to justify an increase any new taxes and or fees as I have to cut things from my budget so should the state of Oregon. We should not have to feel like we are no more than an endless money source for the state of Oregon. The government should be working for the people but lately it doesn't feel that way. I would ask that you reconsider your funding request and look to tightening your own belt maybe dropping some unnecessary programs and laying off some unnecessary workers would not a bad thing large corporations do it all the time. Times are hard right now please wait for a more prosperous future to seek more new taxes and fees.