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Oregonians are over taxed and this new transportation tax feels retaliatory after the initial one didn't pass. Many Oregonians are scraping to pay for housing, groceries, transportation, and living expenses. Work together with all sides to get input and ideas on how cuts can appropriately be made and jobs not lost. Astronomical pay scales for administrative positions (not to mention at least two more advertised to be filled since the announcement of ODOT cuts) is ridiculous after cuts were proposed. . There must be other ways to save money and keep the workers in the front lines keeping our roads and citizens safe. The majority of Oregon is rural. These population areas rely on good roads and safe driving conditions to get to doctor's appointments, shopping, and jobs. Weather in Eastern Oregon can be extreme during winter months . Reducing ODOT workers will create unsafe roads and impede travel. This includes Cabbage Hill that the majority of our goods travel over to be delivered to the west side of the state. Accidents and road closures will impede or stop these deliveries of supplies. We the people of Oregon deserve better. Stop the taxation strategies and start using smart budgeting! Quit overspending and follow the budgets you have. If this isn't happening, then do audits and make changes. Raising taxes will hurt every Oregon citizen. Enough is enough! Elected officials need to do their jobs and LISTEN to what the citizens they represent want. Citizen voices are being ignored. There are other suggestions that have been put forth by other parties that need to be explored and discussed. Do not implement this new transportation bill in without all parties collaborating to find more positive solutions. Continuing to raise taxes will negatively impact our citizens and cause undue financial burdens. Complete audits, cut unfilled and un-needed positions, keep our roads safe, and listen to the people you represent.