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I strongly oppose any additional taxes. Oregon already has massive taxes and fees associated with everything an individual or business does. Oregon is quickly becoming one of the most unaffordable places to live. The taxes we already pay are not translating into any actual value. The schools are terrible and the majority of funding subsidizes an unsustainable PERS system and not current teachers, children or buildings. The roads are in terrible shape and it feels like the projects that do get funded do not prioritize the actual needs. And they are usually bloated, inefficient and take inordinately long to complete. I can't believe how much is paid into the Transit tax with virtually nothing to show for it. You have already tied the hands of the police and justice system so the whole state is getting less safe with more crime, homeless people and vandalism. We will be retiring in the next couple of years and while we love Oregon we doubt we will be able to afford to continue to live here. The idea that you want to make it more unaffordable tells me that you are either so out of touch with how normal people live or you absolutely don't care.