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I live in Lincoln City, and I am deeply concerned about the transportation tax bill. Families like mine are already stretched thin, we're not rich, we don't make a ton of money, we barely get by. Any additional taxes and fees would make daily life unaffordable. Like my family has had to, ODOT must also tighten its belt. ODOT should refocus their spending and prioritize keeping Oregonians safe on the road and being financially transparent and responsible. Doubling the pay role tax to fund urban transit is a slap in the face to all families NOT living in the urban areas this would effect. The ability for ODOT to be able to step in and adjust fuel taxes and weight-mile rates by rule. No Vote. No Accountability to Oregonians. This is a dangerous precedent. Oregon's Constitution requires a 3/5ths vote to raise taxes. This legislative scheme sidesteps that protection.

Please consider alternatives that don't financially punish Oregonians.