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The working class citizens of the state of Oregon are under siege. Public policies and gross over spending by government at both the state and federal level has increased living expenses for many people to unsustainable levels. For this reason, I strongly oppose the proposed spending bill.

As a state, we now find ourselves at the crossroads of a history of poor decisions regarding gas, tax, and registration fees, and how they're used (or not used) for highway infrastructure.

Had we not wasted billions of dollars on light rail in Portland; built the unnecessary tram to serve the OHSU medical facility and many other diversions of gas tax and registration fee collections to projects other than highway infrastructure; today we would have a surplus of funds. Government needs to learn to live within their means and not tax the working citizens of Oregon to pay for the past mid-guided decisions of legislators to build unnecessary expensive projects for the few and then collect the funds to do so from the many. Thank You.