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Members of the Oregon Legislature

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed increases in taxes on Oregon citizens. While I understand the importance of funding our transportation infrastructure, it is essential to consider the broader impact such measures will have on residents across the state.

I strongly urge you to consider an independent audit of ODOT to promote transparency and accountability. Oregonians deserve to know exactly where their tax dollars are being allocated. Additionally, I believe ODOT should operate within its existing budget, possibly exploring options such as furloughs or layoffs of higher-paid employees, rather than placing the financial burden on everyday citizens. Maintaining essential maintenance workers should remain a priority.

As a retiree with 27 years of service at the State of Oregon, my husband and I receive only modest annual COLA increases through Social Security. The proposed rate hikes for DMV vehicle and gas taxes would far exceed what we see in our benefits, creating an undue hardship.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope you will reconsider the tax increases and seek more transparent and responsible solutions.

Sincerely,
Margo E. Schiewe