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Testament to Kotek's \$5BI Oregon Tax Hike

As an Oregonian since 1987 and already witnessed our incredibly high income tax and highest gas tax in the nation, I don't want to see more. This is just committing Oregon exit suicide and not good for keeping people and companies in our state. So many good Oregonians are already struggling to make ends meet and we don't need to make them struggle more or leave.

My suggestion, before just hiking up taxes, is to perform an audit on ODOT. Where is their money going, is it going to good place, being used wisely? Who holds them accountable with the funds they already spend in our state? As we have seen in our federal government, there has been a lot of wasteful spending and no accountability with our hard earned tax dollars we give.

Our representatives should really be looking at this closely, because I know a lot of them will be up for reelection 2026. If we want Oregon to survive, we need to vote NO and oppose this bill.

Thank you for reading this and listening to my concerns and possible solutions.

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