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No new taxes and fees.

Oregonians are hit on all sides economically. Higher utility costs, food prices, insurance premiums, and the like outpace any increase in income. Disposable income continues to shrink. Adding additional layers of taxes and fees to support ODOT in its mission further erodes the disposable income we have.

Yes, we want safe highways. But just as we must make tough decisions and prioritize our spending, so does ODOT. How many more will fail to renew vehicle registrations or pay for title transfers? How many will put a few more thousand miles on a set of worn tires because the money is not there to buy tires?

Consumers will get hit with price increases in the stores because of the increased transportation costs as well as the regulatory requirements for their own vehicles.

Oregon needs fiscal responsibility and transparency in all aspects of government - ODOT would be a great department to begin that movement.

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