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On Behalf Of:

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To the Oregon State Legislature,

I'm a disabled veteran from McMinnville, Oregon, and life's already tough. I drive to Portland for medical visits, and my wife drives 45 minutes to her job. Gas ain't cheap, and these new taxes would make it worse.

We're helping our daughter at Linfield University. It's a big chunk of our money, but we want her to succeed. Our other daughter's a single mom in Salem with two kids. We try to help her out when we can, but it's tight. These taxes would take away what little we have left.

Oregon doesn't have a revenue problem; it has a spending problem. The state's budget has nearly doubled in 20 years, far more than inflation or population growth. Now they're talking about new stadiums while families like mine struggle. Instead of raising taxes, cut waste, fix the pension mess, and stop funding projects we don't need.

Food and gas prices continue to rise. The payroll tax would cut my wife's paycheck, and the gas tax would hit us every time we drive. We're barely getting by, having to choose between groceries, bills, and helping our kids. These taxes would make it harder to keep our heads above water.

Please don't add these taxes. Think of families like us, just trying to make it day by day.

Sincerely,  
Todd Kelley  
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