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Good afternoon,

I am writing today in OPPOSITION of the proposed transportation bill. Passing this would be absolutely detrimental and devastating to the taxpayers of Oregon, who are already struggling to pay for fuel and food. Our gas tax is already too high and we cannot just keep raising it to fund the mistakes of ODOT and Oregon's failure to budget correctly. There have been many ideas discussed to address budgeting, but taking more taxpayer money will not solve it. It will hurt us! ODOT needs to do a full and comprehensive audit to see where funds are being mismanaged or what management positions can be cut. Like many Oregon entities I guarantee they are administrative heavy! And these steps are what every private business would have to do if they were in a situation just as this. ODOT needs to answer for their mistakes without continuing to abuse the taxpayers. I would also like to ask, as every single Oregonian has...where are our current gas tax, marijuana tax, and current transit tax money going??? These were all passed with the promise of maintaining roads and other services. Oregon needs an audit to see these are being used solely for those intended promises. If this passes and gas tax continues to increase, you will also be raising food and the price of goods as we know that trucking companies and farmers will have to pass these added costs on to the consumer. At a time when people are already struggling to put food on the table. Is this really what you want to force on the citizens of this state? This must not pass and if you care about Oregon, demand a full audit and actual, real, true accountability on spending of the already high taxes Oregonians are paying!