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On Behalf Of:
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Dear Governor Kotek and members of the Oregon Legislature,

I have well-founded concerns about the proposed tax increases especially in light of the recent failings of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) in managing funds allocated to them.

As a citizen who supports our society and believes in pooling our hard-earned tax dollars to accomplish necessary projects, I am disheartened by the waste and mismanagement of these resources. ODOT has received millions of dollars intended for infrastructure improvements and public safety, yet we continue to see projects delayed, unregulated costs, and a lack of accountability in how these funds are utilized. This is not just a matter of poor planning—it feels like a betrayal of the trust we place in our government to use our money wisely.

When funds are squandered or mismanaged, it equates to theft from the very citizens who contribute those funds. Waste and malfeasance should not be tolerated—they undermine the good that can be accomplished with our collective contributions. We deserve to see our tax dollars put to work in ways that genuinely benefit our communities, rather than being lost in bureaucratic inefficiencies, lack of care and poor performance.

It is time to reassess priorities and redirect available funds that are currently dedicated to less important initiatives. We have given enough money; it is essential that we ensure these resources are allocated to projects that truly matter to Oregon.

I urge you to prioritize transparency and accountability in managing public funds, especially in light of ODOT's recent track record. Before considering any tax increases, it is essential to demonstrate that existing resources are being used effectively and responsibly.

Sincerely,

Eric Bracht