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On Behalf Of: Overburdened Oregon Taxpayers
Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation
Funding
Measure, Appointment or Topic: LC 2

Dear Committee Members,

Please reject LC2.

The ridiculous cost of this proposal will land squarely on the people who least can afford it. Oregonians are still trying to catch their breath after the 21 percent inflation hit they absorbed during the last presidential administration and now this?

Oregon is already one of the highest-taxed states even without a general sales tax! Oregon's gas taxes are the 10th highest! Our gas prices are 4th highest! And at the same time, Oregon is one of the poorest performing states in the country! Newsweek ranks Oregon 39th out of 50 for business and 47th out of 50 for education! Oregon's "leaders" are clearly unqualified to be running this state! With this kind of performance, why should we flush good money after bad?

The ODOT needs a TOP TO BOTTOM AUDIT before any additional taxpayer funds are added to their budget! There is no accountability for this poorly managed bureaucracy! Throwing more money at it will not solve its deep-seated problems!

This is the agency that LOST TRACK OF A BILLION DOLLARS in their most recent biennial budget. Major projects have been delayed and cost billions more than they should. Where is the accountability? Who is overseeing this mess? ODOT needs a major reordering of their priorities before any more money get flushed down that rat-hole!

To make things worse, our governor is using the time-worn tactics of a failing politician, frightening taxpayers by threatening to cut critical services and lay off rank and file employees. We all know that there are plenty of solutions that can be achieved with existing resources, but she's only interested in protecting her biggest contributors – public employee unions!

We're not buying it.

NO MORE TAXES! YOU HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH! STOP WASTING OUR MONEY!