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The passage of this transportation bill may just be the one final straw for the majority of middle and low income Oregon taxpayers and small business owners who are already disgusted at the direction the governing class of this state have taken us, i.e., a seemingly endless progression of higher taxes and fees annually with nothing substantially to show for it. Upon reviewing the first 1,000 of over 4,200 testimonies submitted to the Oregon legislature on this bill as of my submittal, 76% of those concerned citizens were opposed to this bill, with only 18% in support. This should be a good predictor of how the citizenry of this state will react should this legislative body push this bill toward passage, as it appears to be rushing to do in this special session, with no assurances of accountability to the public for the 26% increase in gas taxes, the nearly 49% increase in vehicle registration fees, and 118% increase in vehicle title fees, not to mention the granting of special powers to the governor for direction of ODOT and the allocation of all new gas tax revenue to ODOT's general fund without any specific projects even identified. Passage of this bill will, without a doubt, result in many of our citizens and businesses leaving this state for other states who actually listen to the needs of it's citizenry. The answer cannot be to simply raise the taxes and fees for those who remain. Eventually, and likely sooner than later, this state's government will run out of Oregonian's money. Respectfully, I and the vast majority of your constituents ask you to please decline passage of this transportation bill, the largest tax increase in Oregon state history. It's just Common Sense!