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Hello all, I am a life time resident of SE Portland. Years ago when the sales tax was proposed, I voted against it like so many others, and as you know it never passed. Since then other taxes have been added and rates have increased, like you want to do now. I am asking you not to raise taxes. When you compare Oregon taxes to the rest of the country we are right up there with New York, too high. And why? I don't have the data and information to fully compare. But generally, I think we appear inefficient with our people and funds management. Government has no competition, just taxes and spends. We've seen some of the wasteful spending, but don't know the half of it. You all might know. Inflation, while a reason to raise taxes, if caused by the Feds negative spending. We can't afford to continue to spend more than we take in. So I ask that you not raise taxes and first look at ways to cut costs, yes including jobs. You say we won't be able to maintain what we have, but I doubt it. I think there are those who would work well for a proactive efficient government. Not one that continually proposes more taxes. Many of us are struggling in Oregon. Thank you for considering this.