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i have lived in Oregon since 1966. it is a wonderful state in which to live. We have raised two children who received their education from well-qualified schools in the state. My wife and i have both completed requirements to become social security recipients through careful budgeting we have been able to purchase a home, and we enjoy a fairly comfortable life. Now I receive the news that all of the positive things I have accomplished are threatened by significant tax hikes being proposed by the governor and current legislature. It seems that one result of this bill will be to make up for budget blunders, misguided priorities, and unfinished projects. When public trust in elected officials is failing, this does not seem like a strategic time to challenge Oregonians with requests for more financial support. Legislators need to move in a direction that will restore the trust of the voters by rejecting the proposed transportation bill.