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It's difficult to believe that we are having to speak in this issue again so soon. The costs of gas, registration, maintenance, and general living have grown exponentially on the past few years, and we as a family of 5 are just trying to make ends meet. We live in a rural community, the backbone of farmland, and have to commute to work since public transportation is not feasible. We would be unduly burdened by these new fees and rate hikes on "services" we are not able to benefit from. Our rural communities and even more populated communities like Canby and Oregon City suffer from atrocious potholes, dangerous cracks in the roads, and general lack of upkeep. The funds from these taxes and rate hikes lack accountability and transparency on how they will actually be used, and historically have not been used for general maintenance, but ended up in special projects that don't serve all of Oregon.

Taxes and rate hikes need to be put before the people and allowed due voting process... and hikes like this have been voted down again and again. This time the special session is a ploy to circumvent the process for special interest groups at the cost of millions of Oregonians who will pay a terrible price for this treacherous attempt to take even more of our livelihoods.