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Governor Kotek,

More taxes? In case you have not noticed the majority of Oregonians cannot afford more fees (taxes). Fees are taxes. Many people are living pay check to pay check. Increasing the gas tax will take more money away from Oregonians and travelers. Well who cares of the travelers pay in gas tax? Business owners that depend on tourism dollars care. If more money goes into the gas tanks due to fuel taxes, that is less money tourists and visitors have to spend with businesses of all sizes. The mileage fee/tax. That will cause people like me who use their personal vehicles for delivery. I drive an EV an average of 125 miles a day. I work 5-7 days a week. If the mileage tax is implemented, I will not be able to continue providing delivery services. I would probably have to sell my EV and/or find another line of work.

You want Oregon to have affordable housing? Keep on increasing taxes and fees. More and more people will leave Oregon and go to less tax heavy states. That will mean a glut of housing and the prices will come down. Problem is, there will not be enough people to buy those houses. Businesses will not have enough customers and will have to close. Dire?

There is a ripple effect.

Cut spending. Decrease the taxes. Stop this madness. Make Oregon Affordable Again.

Thank you.