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I live in Grants Pass and am deeply troubled by the proposed transportation tax bill. As a retired senior citizen on a fixed budget, I am already stretched thin just to meet my basic living needs. Any additional taxes and fees would render my daily life unaffordable as well as countless numbers of Oregonians already struggling day by day. As I and many have had to do, ODOT must also tighten its belt. ODOT should refocus its spending and prioritize keeping Oregonians safe on the road. Please consider alternatives that don't financially punish Oregonians, especially the most vulnerable. Also, applying additional fees specifically to EV and Hybrid vehicles, which were subsidized by government vehicle sales incentives, is counterintuitive to the goals of environmental progress these programs have targeted and additionally punish those Oregonians who have purchased these vehicles in support of these "Green Initiatives".