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I strongly oppose Governor Kotek's proposed 6-cent-per-gallon gas tax increase, as it places an undue burden on Oregon's working families, particularly those in rural areas who rely heavily on their vehicles for daily necessities. This regressive tax, combined with hikes in vehicle registration and title fees, as well as a doubled payroll tax, will raise the cost of living at a time when many Oregonians are already struggling financially. The plan fails to address inefficiencies within the Oregon Department of Transportation, which should prioritize existing funds for essential road maintenance rather than imposing new costs on taxpayers. Instead of taxing struggling families, the state should explore alternative funding solutions that don't disproportionately harm low-income and rural communities.