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I strongly opposed all increases in taxes and fees relating to ODOT and road maintenance.

From my perspective as a tax payer, I would like to see my contributions respected. The use of those dollars should be considered very carefully. That represents citizens' hard work and earned income, food off the table, money for education no longer available for kids, house payments and debt that cannot be paid off.

The current Oregon system of taxes and fees is already overbearing. It feels crushing to Oregonians and business owners every time we hear about the Governor or legislatures threatening to tax us more and more.

What have we done to deserve this treatment? We are not the pocketbook for anyone's DEI agenda. Those and many other non-essential positions taking hundreds of thousands of dollars each from Oregonians need to be cut long before essential road maintenance workers are laid off.

Common sense would dictate that a record setting \$140 billion budget would be sufficient for the needs of Oregonians. However, it feels like it is never enough to satisfy a hungry wasteful government.

It's time the better decisions are made, more care is taken with our tax dollars, and for government to slim down and stop being such a burden on Oregonians.