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Raising taxes is NEVER a substitute for mismanagement, or even bad management. The Oregon legislature continually to find hair-brained and unconstitutional ways to impose heavier and heavier taxes on its residents--even including the now-failed attempt to give an unelected body the ability to change a tax without a vote--all to fund what can only be described as a Socialist government, not the "republican form" guaranteed to the states by the Constitution. Many residents and businesses have even chosen to leave the state, meaning that there are even fewer to bear the financial burden of the Oregon government's increasing financial tyranny. Oregon's failing "leadership" has to figure that out.

Our Founding Fathers created a constitutional republic, a form of government that was NEVER intended to provide all things and all services for all people. People must necessarily bear most of the responsibility themselves, indicating that not every service the State of Oregon offers is necessary, let alone constitutional. Obviously, road, traffic and highway maintenance is one of those government-level services; but if there are too many managers and not enough road workers to do the real work, management must be downsized, and salary expectations scaled back, in order to afford more workers for the physical labor. And that would be AFTER eliminating the unconstitutional bloat from the state's budget.

The rest of us must live within a budget: we only have so much income. If we need X, A, B and C have to be downsized, or maybe even outright eliminated. The state must do the same. Most of the state exists without legitimate representation, yet many those voted into office seem to think they have carte blanche to do as they will, all against the will of the people.

**NO MORE TAXES!!!**