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I live in Klamath Falls, Oregon, and the decision to stay in Oregon becomes more difficult every year. The unending tax increases and associated bureaucratic burden placed on me as a citizen makes Oregon less appealing and less affordable every year. My income does not increase to even match inflation, and I have to still pay my bills, the largest of which are already state and federal taxes and still get my necessary tasks completed. ODOT should tighten their belt, do the maintenance that is required to maintain roads, and refocus their spending to prioritize keeping Oregonians using safe, well-maintained roads.

Furthermore, these tax increases are regressive and disproportionately punish lower income Oregonians.