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I am firmly against adding more tax burden to Oregonians. We already have one of the highest costs of living in the US. If it keeps going up I will be forced to sell my home and move to another state where taxes are not so onerous. I do not want to do that. My family is here. My home is here. We are already struggling. Its a good thing I have stockpiled food, otherwise we wouldnt be doing much eating these days. I already pay 10% of our budget just to property taxes each month and that is not even counting gas taxes, which you now want to raise. Gas is so much less expensive in other states.

I'd also like to point out that too much of the taxes we pay go tho things that I did not agree to. Our legislators are supposed to be working FOR us, not piling on so many tax burdens we can't afford to live here. You like to claim we are a sanctuary state, but what does that mean exactly? That the people of Oregon are required to support people who came in to our country illegally? How does anyone think I should be forced to provide for people who are actively breaking the law?

Please stop the insane taxing and the wasteful spending. Our taxes should be used to cover the ESSENTIALS of running our government and that is ALL. It is NOT the governments job to provide everything for everyone. If you would quit taxing us to death, we would have enough money to donate to charities we believe in, instead of being forced to pay for all of governments pet projects.

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