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We own and operate a cow/calf cattle ranch located in Grant County. We are a production agriculture business which, beside ourselves, have four full-time employees. We are extremely concerned about the transportation tax bill. Our business simply cannot operate without gas and diesel fuel. We do not have an option to increase our income to accommodate increased fuel costs. Our employees will be economically hurt by the increase in the payroll taxes.

Our business must live within its economic parameters. We do not have the ability to pass on increased expenses. ODOT must also learn to live within its economic parameters. Grant County is in a very rural area of our state. All residents depend on ODOT to keep the roads clear and safe in the winter.

When making tough decisions regarding funding for ODOT, please consider alternatives that do not punish Oregon businesses and citizens.