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I'm requesting that the state legislature refrain from raising the gas tax along with raising various DMV fees. With these added taxes and fees, the legislature will only be taking even more from the earnings of hard working Oregon taxpayers. As you already know, Oregon is one of the most expensive states to live in, and putting even more of a financial burden on those that are living from paycheck to paycheck is unacceptable and unnecessary. You may say, "it's not very much." The problem with that statement is that Oregonians have heard that excuse from state and local governments, with tax levies for schools, public safety, and homeless programs, along with extra fees that counties and cities like to create. All these "not that very much" fees and taxes add up quickly. Please, no more taxes and fees. Instead, I'm asking that the legislature eliminate programs and budgeted items that the legislators have approved, but are NOT an essential nor a core responsibility of government. Along with the elimination of "non-government responsibilities spending", I'm requesting that you do NOT pass off your responsibilities as legislators to a bureaucratic entity that has that power to raise gas taxes without a legislative vote. Raising taxes is the responsibility of the legislature and should NOT be passed off to some bureaucratic entity that holds no accountability to the taxpayers. That's what happened with ODOT and as we can all see, that didn't work out so well.