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It is very clear that the citizens of Oregon do not want to pay higher taxes. Refusing to listen to your constituents and be the will of the people goes against everything this country and state were founded on. Oregon has more than enough money to operate all essential duties, the problem is that Oregon needs to reconsider what its priorities are because there is way too much priority placed on things that are wants. Start funding what Oregonians see as the most important. Things like public safety, roads, etc. The things we all rely on every second of every day. Once those things needed by all of us are paid for, then you can use whatever is left for your special projects and funding small subsets of groups of people.

The state of Oregon has gutted public safety, all by choosing to not fund it. Now the state is trying to blackmail Oregonians by saying they can't fund ODOT, which is a lie. They are choosing to not fund ODOT because their special projects are more important to them. Tax increases without a vote of the people is nothing more than authoritarian governance. The state forcing its will onto the people instead of the government working for the people. Oregon "leaders" have forgotten their place. They need to put the people and what the people need first, instead of thinking they can blow millions of dollars on what their latest virtue signaling prop is.

Nothing about how Oregon is trying to raise taxes represents what America was founded on or what the average citizen wants. Stop putting yourselves first and start putting Oregonians first.