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I OPPOSE the Special Legislative Session Transportation Package called for by Governor Kotek on August 29, 2025.

Included in this Transportation Package the legislature will give its authority to raise gas taxes in the future over to unelected bureaucrats. By passing this Transportation Package, gas taxes will increase by 15%, the payroll transit tax will increase by 100%, and vehicle registration and licensing fees will increase 33%. Vote NO to stop handing more power to bureaucrats, endless tax hikes and fee increases.

This Special Legislative Session Transportation Package will make Oregon more unaffordable for all tax payers. Vote NO on increasing our taxes.

I read in Oregon Business Industry "... the information contained in this year's Oregon Competitiveness Book substantiates what many Oregonians and businesses know. Oregon is an expensive state in which to live and do business, and its regulatory environment hampers innovation. We can do better. To improve Oregon's competitiveness, policymakers need to acknowledge and address areas of weakness, including the state's regulatory environment, its high tax burden, its underperforming public schools and the policy choices that have made housing in Oregon among the nations least affordable. And then they need to adopt suggestions offered in OBI's Competitiveness Agenda so that Oregon can once again become a desirable place to keep, grow, start or relocate a business."

Passing this new Transportation Package will not bring businesses into Oregon or make Oregon a better place to live and work.

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