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I am completely against every bit of this transportation bill....but esp the bit where a committee is allowed to raise our gas tax without voter approval, which is against both our OR and our national constitutions. Once again, Taxation without representation. We are being hit left and right with taxes and increases in fees on everything, rent, insurance, as well as all consumer products and food. There are many people who can no longer afford to pay all their bills and eat too. This is a hardship for MANY in the state of OR. I'd like to have a printout of the amount of revenue that comes in each year from the \$0.40 per gallon gas tax as it has to be a tremendous amount! How is that not enough?! I've looked for it but haven't been able to find it. That should be public information. I went to a meeting with one of our local county commissioners in July where he stated the budget for the county road maintenance/workers/etc vs the ODOT budget for road maintenance in our county (which was many less miles of road). The ODOT budget was substantially more and they maintain less of our roads. So, in my opinion and many others, this excess cost needs to be reduced. Maybe ODOT workers need to take a pay cut like many in our nation/state. In my opinion laying off workers makes sense if there isn't enough money - rather than once again, forcing taxpayers to pay for the state's misuse of our funds. If we can't afford things in our own budgets at home, we don't get to buy them. We can't go tax our neighbors and friends to pay for our shortfall....we must change our budget around and prioritize things so we can pay our bills and eat each month. This is getting so ridiculous!! DO NOT pass this transportation bill no matter what! Protect your constituents! YOU WORK FOR US - REMEMBER THAT!!!