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In May 2009 I moved to Oregon, after just retiring. I had been warned by friends in California that Oregon taxes its citizens among the highest in the nation. Through the years things have not become better but worse. I don't trust the mostly Democrat Oregon state officials after learning of the continual crime going on in Portland and the Democrat state officials' animosity to receiving help through ICE. Most recently I learned that there are many Oregon counties where the number of voter registrations far exceed the number of actual residents of those counties. That gives credence to doubting how honest our election results have been.

Now I learn that Governor Kotek wants not just to raise taxes on transportation types of services (e.g. trucks, cars) but in some cases actually DOUBLE those tax rates. In addition, incredibly, she wants to take away the voters' choice to raise those taxes and transfer those decisions to unelected and publicly-unknown Oregon bureaucrats.

I'm appalled at the foregoing. Although I am grateful that I am barely affected, I have much sympathy for the thousands of people who will be affected if she is successful in passing this bill.