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My wife and I are retired residents of Salem. Recently we attended some of the local National Night out celebrations. We were astonished at the discussions on this transportation bill and quite frankly heartened to hear a overwhelming opinion that this should NOT happen. The State of Oregon does not practice sound financial responsibility, towards the top of this is ODOT that has had little accountability over the years on their spending. Projects don't get completed or put on the back burner and more money is asked for. I read an interview of Rep Gamba after the June vote. It was the usual gloom...need more money, 2017 bill didn't cover what it needed to, etc. The kicker was saying that Oregon has the lowest transportation taxes on the west coast. Does he think for a moment we want to be either Calif or WA on transportation? NO! They are overtaxed and money used in ways other than to repair, maintain or replace infrastructure. We vote for you to represent us, so do so. Do NOT pass this, look for ways to do things differently. You are disproportionately impacting our lower income Oregonians including those on fixed incomes like us. Show us you can be more fiscally responsible, without threats to scare us to let our local bridge fall down or to fire the snowplows. We are top heavy in our expenses, maybe start there. We expect better of all of you, maybe that is just wishful thinking.