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Dear Governor Kotek and Members of the Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed ODOT tax bill. Oregon families cannot afford another tax increase. The cost of living here is already unbearable, and piling on new taxes will only drive more people out of our state.

For years, ODOT has continued to take more from taxpayers through gas taxes and other fees, yet we see little accountability or improvement in results. Our roads and infrastructure remain in disrepair, traffic congestion continues to worsen, and the agency's promises of better management have gone unfulfilled. Leadership has failed to deliver on its commitments, and now Oregonians are being asked to pay the price once again.

Before demanding more from hard-working families, ODOT must be held accountable. I urge you to call for a full and transparent audit of ODOT's spending practices so taxpayers can see where their money has gone. Until the agency demonstrates fiscal responsibility and efficiency, there should be no discussion of additional taxes.

This bill is not just another tax—it is a direct hit to working families who are already stretched to the limit. Oregon has become unaffordable, and these policies are destroying the way of life that once made this state such a great place to live. Many have already left, and more will follow if this continues.

We need responsible leadership that prioritizes accountability, efficiency, and fiscal responsibility—not endless tax increases. I urge you to reject this bill and instead focus on real solutions that serve the people of Oregon.