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Dear Joint Committee:

Our state services like schools and roads are already not up to par. Our schools are doing worse than our neighbor Idaho, who spends less than half of what we spend per student. Same with Oregon versus Idaho roads. Our roads and bridges are old and in disrepair. Oregon is one of the highest tax states. Roads are a primary responsibility of a government, yet this state government spent all the tax money before you got to roads. I am reminded of teenagers given money to take care of themselves while Mom and Dad are away. By Tuesday, the money is gone, the parties are over and there is no more food in the fridge. Now they cry poor and ask for more money.

You had enough tax money. Re-allocate your resources and quit threatening the DOT workers' jobs. This is not a good look.

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