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I am against HB2025 and urge you to vote no on it. I own my own modest business in Cottage Grove. Since COVID, I have worked the business along with an employee and my son. They get paid. I don't. Tax increases, especially those earmarked for ODOT, are unnecessary even according to ODOT. They will have an adverse effect on me and both of my employees. Oregon Democrats seem to think that Oregonians are a bottomless fountain of free money to spend any way they want, without regard to all the discretionary spending that does nothing for most of us and only benefits donors and cronies. That may be harsh and unwarranted, but it's the way I see it. We don't need new taxes. We need the Democrat supermajority to start thinking about the non-Democrats in this state, and stop spending money like it was water. Recognize that your "constituents" aren't only Democrats, they're literally everyone who lives in this state regardless of political bent. If there's a problem that needs to be addressed, the first reaction by the Legislature (Federal or State) is always "more taxes." Enough, please. I am personally leaving this state in the coming months, a state that's been my home for 76 years. Financially, I can't survive tax after tax, especially taxes at the pump, vehicle registration taxes, and on and on. Give it a rest, and find some other way to finance your mismanaged departments and agencies.