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I absolutely do not support a raise in Oregon gas tax. As a resident of eastern Oregon it is very easy for me to see the difference is gas prices between Oregon and Idaho. I currently make sure I fill up in Idaho if I am close enough to do so. Not all Oregonian have the option to simply drive to another state to purchase their fuel. Our gas in Oregon is already 50-90 cents per gallon more than it is across the river. I have also worked for ODOT in the past. As with any government operation throwing more money at the problem will not fix anything. There are plenty of way to save money. Look at what other states are doing not only with the gas taxes but also the way the perform winter road maintenance. Thank you for representing Oregon and please do the right thing and represent Oregonians.