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Senators,

My wife and I are very concerned with Gov. Kotex's call for a special session.

I am a military veteran and we are both retired professionals living on fixed incomes. After reading the Governor's various proposals for raising revenues we fear most of them will affect us very negatively along with most people in this state. As retirees and native Oregonians, we enjoy traveling the corners of our beautiful state, so increased car registrations and gas taxes will limit our ability to travel at our current level. This will then in turn adversely affect the establishments we visit via spending less on food, lodging, and entertainment. The small business we try to support will take economic hits due to people like us.

As previous small business owners we had to budget, make tough decisions, and live within our means, so we appreciated that both sides of the aisle previously agreed that the Governor's first demands in the regular session were out of order and held the line.

In further study, it appears that a notable amount of ODOTs current budget is poorly managed, has had large accounting errors, and sometimes spent in areas/programs other than where the money was originally intended. The fact that the Governor has threatened to cut 500 blue collar jobs, especially in rural areas, while the state is simultaneously advertising for two mid level management positions with \$200K+ salaries and benefits is a clear demonstration of mismanagement. The reported misappropriation of the Rose Quarter funds and the desire to ask for more now also further shows poor management.

Please do the right thing for your constituents and for the state...do not raise taxes or fees. Make ODOT and the Governor clean up their waste before coming back to the hard working people of the state for more.

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