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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation
Funding

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Dear Joint Interim Committee on Transportation Funding,

I am so thankful that the transportation bill didn't pass the regular legislative session that ended in June. But I am again asking you to say NO to further tax burdens on Oregon citizens. We are already struggling with the expenses of food, rent, utilities, gas, and increases in so much more. ODOT needs to have a full audit.

If you didn't realize, ODOT had a 10 year, \$5.6 billion road tax package in 2017. Now they are claiming they had inadequate funding for decades. Where is the money going/gone? Where is the accountability?

How can ODOT be underfunded when:

- Oregon Gas tax is the #10 highest in the nation and was raised by 5% just last year.
- Oregon has the Nation's only state wage (transit) tax.(super harmful to businesses)
- Oregon has the Nation's only state bike tax.

How about we return ODOT to its core function. Let's hold them accountable. They should build and maintain roads, nothing else.

When you convene on August 29th, please stand up against this taxation insanity. Do not pass any increase in taxes or fees.