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I am writing to STRONGLY disagree with the upcoming special session for the transportation tax and fee bill. Oregonians do NOT need more taxes, we already pay one of the highest rates for fuel. We have a HUGE retirement community and a HUGE homeless community who can NOT sustain any additional money being taken from their pockets. These are people that are on the verge of not being able to afford housing (if they have it) or will possibly take away their ability to travel to work and get out of a homeless situation (if they are homeless not due to mental illness or drug addiction). We need accountability as to where the funds ODOT are receiving are being spent, or better yet... where the funds that are supposed to be going to ODOT are being spent. We need accountability from our Oregon government as to where ALL of the funds are being spent because clearly when we don't have transparency we assume it is not in the way we voted for. Calling a special session for something which the voters clearly do not want is not responsible and shows there is some other agenda which they are funding or trying to fund which they are shoving under the guise of transportation. Clarity, responsibility, and cutting funding for programs that are not essential all need to be considered before ever going around the taxpayers right to vote on something and shoving more taxes down our throats. Thank you for your time.