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Senator Jeff Merkley wrote that "Costs are going up and families are getting squeezed; it feels like the only folks coming out on top are huge corporations and the already richest Americans." He says he's "fighting to bring down costs for Oregonians and give families some breathing room. No one should have to make impossible choices between buying groceries, putting gas in the tank, or filling a prescription." Those are the choices that the massive tax and fee proposal the governor wants will force many Oregonians to make.

I suggest experts in efficiency and economics be brought in to find ways to prioritize projects and work within the existing budget. Many Oregonians have to do that (on their own), and I expect those running this state to do the same.