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I am opposed to the increase in transportation taxes and fees to be considered during the special legislative session. Normally this would be the part where I lay out my most persuasive argument in support of my opposition, but you will have already heard most of it from others. So, to the point. We do not have a revenue problem in Oregon, we have a spending problem. Stop raising taxes and fees like the ones being considered, to backfill for what appears to be poor stewardship. Judging the results of previous increases, the money is spent .... ineffectively. Continuing to support poor spending policy with ever increasing taxes and fees is strangling the state and its citizens. Its past time to get efficient with our current transportation budget and actually use the money for a proper agenda, that of maintenance, increased capacity, and safety upgrades .

Thank you