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## A SPENDING PROBLEM, NOT A REVENUE PROBLEM.

It is already too expensive to live in this state, specifically the Portland Metro Area. Why would you propose one of the highest tax increases in recent history. STOP. You are already taxing us to death. I look at my paycheck and my property tax bill and my annual taxes and I can't believe how much money is already going to the state, county, Metro, city, school district and on and on and on. How many government agencies are taking money from us? TOO MANY. Identify the basic needs, the core function of ODOT and focus on that. Stop spending money on things that are not necessary. CUT CUT CUT.

If I spent the way the government does, then I would be bankrupt, collection agencies would be knocking at my door and they would be garnishing my wages, I would be homeless. Maybe that is what I need to do so that I'm not taxed so much and can live off government. But with the government, it is SPEND, SPEND, SPEND. Stop already. Take ownership of your mistakes and your overspending and STOP putting the responsibility on us.

YOU, THE GOVERNMENT ARE IN THE BUSINESS OF SPENDING MONEY, NOT MAKING MONEY. Start acting like everyone else does, businesses, individuals, etc. Be responsible for managing a budget and working within it.

I know with government budgets, if you don't spend it all by the end of the fiscal year, then you don't get as much the next year. STOP. Act like everyone else and act within your means.

I have to get a new door installed to our patio. It will be expensive. How do I afford it. I SAVE. I CUT BACK ON MY SPENDING. I DON'T GET ALL THE THINGS I WANT, BECAUSE I HAVE TO SAVE TO PAY FOR THE DOOR. Act like everyone citizen in this state has to. Stop spending money on the wish lists and spend it on the priorities.

To say that you can't cut, has to be the most idiotic and ridiculous thing I think anyone could say. Everyone doesn't get everything. Stop spending OUR money on things that are not focused around the basic, core function of ODOT. I would bet everything I have that cuts could be found, that if you focus on the core function you could work WITHIN your budget. You have to say NO to people.

I am so tired and exhausted of getting taxed, taxed and taxed, over and over and over. More and more and more every year. STOP already!

START ACTING LIKE WE ALL HAVE TO ACT AND TAKE OWNERSHIP OF YOUR CARELESS SPENDING.

The Governor was just telling Multnomah County elected officials that they need to stop taxing residents so much and make it a more business friendly environment. And then in the next sentence she proposes an enormous tax on everyone in this state. WHAT? Unbelievable, the hypocrisy is staggering.

The government's careless and irresponsible spending can be summed up with perfect example, the homeless in the Portland. Since 2017, more than 1 BILLION dollars has been spent on the homeless, JUST IN Portland/Multnomah County, and we are worse off than we were before. Throwing money at the problem is not the answer! PERIOD.

STOP taxing us and making us leave. STOP already!