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I am a farmer. I produce the food you eat. These taxes you propose will directly effect my farming operation AND the people who purchase my products. It is not practical for my tractors to operate on rechargeable batteries. When my business is in a financial crunch, I have to lay off employees, or shift my priorities. The state has too many employees, cutting employee numbers is the prudent thing to do.

While I like to drive on good roads, roads on the Easter part of the state seem to be forgotten, like the taxpayers. I see LESS of the fuel taxes are going to repair and maintenance of our state's roads. I pay registration fees on my farm vehicles, I cannot afford to pay the increases as proposed.

My payroll is out of hand. Adding more taxes on my employees will require me to reduce the number of employees I have.

A few years back we had this CAT (Gross Sales tax) crammed down our throats with out our vote. Sure it was supposed to be used for education. I cannot see that our education system has improved; is this road tax going to have the same effect? No better roads, just more tax!

The State of Oregon has plenty of money. They just choose to spend it in ways other than our road maintenance. You have a spending problem, not an income problem.

I STRONGLY oppose any new taxes. Do you like to eat? Don't put me out of business by taxing me to death.

We propose the following:

REPRIORITIZE Funding

REFORM the Oregon Department of Transportation

RESOLVE Unconstitutional Trucker Overpayment

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