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As a lifelong Oregonian, I am saddened at the current state and trajectory of our once beautiful state. The increasing tax rates and lack of infrastructure and public safety services is driving away businesses and everyday citizens alike. We do not need more taxes, we need more accountability for how those tax dollars are spent.

Instead of sticking with poorly written laws that hamstringing the amount of funding that goes to road maintenance, we need to get back to basics and economics to allow the tax dollars that are being collected to be used on the things Oregonians need and want

Allowing the Governor to be the only person to make the decision on who becomes the head of ODOT while simultaneously allowing ODOT to raise gas taxes at will without the consent of the public, is the very definition of taxation without representation.

Oregonians are tired of being taxed out of the state they once knew and loved. I am urging you to vote no on these proposed tax increases and instead, look at the bureaucratic bloat, misallocation of funds, failed pet projects, and poorly written legislation that hamstring the ability of state agencies to use funds to serve the public they are intended to serve.

Everywhere we travel for business and get asked where are we from, when we say OREGON, every person says, "I'm sorry" Sadly we agree.

Please make Oregon a place where lifelong Oregonians want to stay and can stay without being taxed to Death!