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One need not look back very far to find continued fiscal mismanagement and accountability with Oregonians tax money. ODOTs 1.1 BILLION dollar shortfall is the current pinnacle of this mismanagement by far.

And once again who will be punished? Who will bear the burden? The Oregon tax payers once again.

The Governor offers a solution for the problem, but fails to address the mismanagement or hold anyone accountable for this egregious error.

So how are Oregonians supposed to get on board with tax increases and fees when all we see are the continued mismanagement, excuses, and lack of accountability? I for one can not. I strongly oppose any increase to taxes or fees.

Show us a properly run budget. Show us a budget that has a shortfall of a few million dollars, i can accept cost overrun to a degree. Do not show us a budget being billions of dollars over because of mistakes. Show us that those responsible for our tax money are accountable and if they can not be accountable that they lose their jobs. I oppose these increases.

Show me accountability and then we can talk.

With regards

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