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Having moved to Oregon 45 years ago with our two young children, my husband and I consider Oregon our home. Our grown children and now our grown grandchildren also consider Oregon their home. It is hard to explain to them how this beautiful state has changed and what a disaster it has become especially over the last 10 to 15 years. The cost of all things related to transportation has quadrupled. My old 2008 car just cost me over \$210 to register including the DEQ fee, my insurance, has tripled, and I have a perfect driving record, routine maintenance on my vehicle has quadrupled, cost of tire replacement is over \$2000. The cost of gas is outrageous....just a few years ago, filling my gas tank averaged \$35-\$40, now it is averaging \$55-\$60 to fill, same car, same tank. My husband and I are now retired, we live on our fixed income of social security and a small retirement income, we pay ridiculously high property taxes, out of control state income taxes, city and state government fees have skyrocketed and now you want to increase, once again the gas tax, the road tax, the state and city taxes, not to mention the ridiculous estate taxes. We are now considering moving to another state, possibly Washington or Idaho, just to escape the disaster that Oregon has become. We can't keep up with the increased costs on a limited income. Senior citizens who have lived in Oregon, worked hard, paid their taxes, raised their families, been good citizens are now being marginalized and pushed out of their homes because of the mismanagement of government policies and funds. Many can't afford to stay in Oregon.....the cost of living is outrageous and is out of control.