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PLEASE -- NO NEW ROAD TAX!

I am retired and drive 1000 miles RT to north central Washington to deal with family property every 5-6 weeks. Gas prices just keep going up and up. And for what? We never know where the money is going.

And I just purchased a vehicle to replace my car with 240,000 miles on it. The fees are ridiculous -- and the solution to DOT's mismanagement of funds is to increase title and registration fees? Enough already!

Oregon is not a country into itself. Every time I hear or read the news, it appears that Oregon is positioning itself to take on the Federal government. It is a race between Oregon and Washington to see if they can outdo California --- and ALWAYS at a cost to the taxpayers. What about us? I am a 4th-generation Oregonian and I don't even recognize who we are anymore. Oregon needs to look at its tax-paying legal citizens and help us --- not keep giving our money away.

Please, please! Take a step back and look at the money that DOT has, and use it wisely. Instead of increasing the budget every year, keep to the budget already established. And that means downsizing the organization. You CAN do more with LESS. That includes both staff and \$\$\$\$. Threatening your constituents with DMV office closures and not fixing our roads is arrogant and offensive. And, doing all of this on a holiday weekend is sneaky and makes voters distrust politicians even more.

Thanks for reading this.