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The gas tax and higher vehicle registration fees unfairly punish Oregonians who rely on their cars for work, school, and daily life, especially in rural areas where public transit isn't an option. These costs stack on top of already rising fuel prices, insurance, and maintenance, making driving less affordable at a time when inflation is squeezing household budgets. Meanwhile, the state has a track record of diverting transportation dollars to projects that don't directly benefit the drivers footing the bill, leaving many roads and bridges in poor condition. Rather than repeatedly increasing taxes and fees on vehicle owners, Oregon should prioritize accountability and efficiency in its transportation spending, ensuring that existing funds are used for the maintenance and improvements drivers actually need.