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I oppose additional road taxes because Eastern Oregon towns are far apart and we must travel, in my case, at least 25 miles each way to get groceries or go to the doctor or go to church or other appointments. We often need to travel to Boise to obtain health care and that involves approximately 300 miles round trip.

The roads and especially Interstate 84 are in need of improvement and have pot holes in many of the travel lanes. This will cause damage to travelers' equipment and could also cause accidents.

I would encourage all of you who are considering this bill to find alternative funds to make the necessary repairs and to maintain our roads in a better manner. Already, our state has one of the highest rates for fuel. Whenever we can, we fill up in Idaho before returning home!

Many people in this area are on fixed incomes (as retirees) and already scrimp as much as possible. Additional expenses for fuel could cause great difficulty for these people.

Please stop making unnecessary improvements such as braille pedestrian crossings and trim where you can and fund the basic infrastructure WITHIN YOUR EXISTING BUDGET.

Thank you.