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As an Oregon taxpayer, I (we) are tired of carrying the tax burdens on our backs because an organization is not being held accountable with their budget/spending. Instead, you are making your budget problems my problem by taking money from my family. Groceries are already expensive and to raise taxes on fuel, increased DMV fees, means that I may not be able to purchase milk, eggs, bread, or meat for a month to try and recoup those increased fees. This may mean my son's family may not be able to purchase school meals or be able to afford to have his children in a school sport or competition because they are having to pay \$300 a year in higher car costs. Gov. Kotek's gas tax is a detriment to Oregon, this will be passed on to the consumers, hurting businesses even more because we can't afford to pay any more.

Also, why does Oregon have the nation's only wage tax to pay for transit? and Kotek's plans double it? I live in eastern Oregon; we don't have public transit like Portland. Be fiscally responsible Gov. Kotek, this is not how you go about getting more money for ODOT. For once, please be open to suggestions from the Republicans, they had some good suggestions last time in how to remedy the crisis YOU, Gov Kotek, has made. Don't put this on the taxpayers of OREGON!