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I live in Grants Pass, and I am deeply concerned about the transportation tax bill. Families like mine are already stretched thin. Any additional taxes and fees would make daily life unaffordable. Just like my family has had to, ODOT must also tighten its belt. ODOT should refocus its spending and prioritize keeping Oregonians safe on the road. Please consider alternatives that don't financially punish Oregonians.

ODOT can and should refocus their spending to prioritize core road maintenance – fill the potholes, plow the snow, and most importantly, keep Oregonians safe. With billion-dollar budget blunders, misguided priorities, runaway costs and unfinished projects, ODOT must focus on rebuilding trust with Oregonians before asking them to write a blank check.

Please stop raising our taxes. We Oregon citizens have spoke loud and clear that we do not want more taxes!!!! My husband works for a transportation company and the gas and payroll increases with this proposal will cause significant expense increases. Businesses are going to have to seriously consider leaving this state because of the burden you're putting on them.

Please consider moving DEI funds, which are federally encouraged to no longer be prioritized, over to transportation to prevent the layoffs and tax increases. You have plenty of money from tax payers already. Please will you prioritize the funds you already have to be in accordance with the wishes of the voters whom have hired you to do what their wishes are for the state transportation. No more special projects! This stadium you're putting all that money towards for the sports team that we don't even have or need or want, Use that money for the transportation deficit!

Lastly please for heavens sake bring some accountability for all the money being misused. There needs to be some sort of independent audit and plan going forward. After years of mismanagement and unaccountable frivolous spending. We need a complete change of direction. Not a "oh there's a shortage, let's throw more tax money at it again and watch it disappear again!"

Voter's are watching everything you do, please represent us and our children's future Oregon before there isn't one left.

Thank you for your time,

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