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Dear committee members, my name is Tiffany Johnston. Thank you for hearing my testimony. I'm tired of paying for all the governments pet projects. I'm tired of your poor planning becoming my problem. We all have to live within our means that includes the government you need to budget and stay within that budget. If you can't afford it then don't do it. We need to get back to basics and if there's money for something extra, then do it, but if not, don't. Oregon has made it so difficult for everyone to live a decent life. I see the effects of this in my 99-year-old grandfather clear down to the youngest generation. They all worry about the affordability of this state. I am a mother of adult children, who are struggling to make a living. It is frustrating to watch your hard earned dollars get taxed at every turn. I see my kids working hard trying to get ahead only to have the government put their hand out and say we need more of your hard earned dollars. They're just starting out on life trying to get a foot in the door to buy a home and they can't. We do our best to try and help where we can, but the taxes here in Oregon have gotten so extreme that my husband and I struggle to make ends meet. My husband has an excellent job. He's in the construction industry, but we are taxed beyond what we can handle. Our children struggle to afford the basic necessities. My young adult kids desire to own their own home yet can afford even renting a home. My son has a great job yet taxes take so much out of his check He can't even afford health insurance for his family and he doesn't qualify for Medicare. The government needs to stop wasting money they need to budget better and to start treating the money like their own, not like it's a Pocket that is full of endless amounts of money. Oregonians can't bear this weight much more. I strongly oppose LC2 vote now on the governor's special transportation bill!!!!!!

Thank you.