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ABSOLUTELY, UNEQUIVOCALLY OPPOSED!

There is no requirement that zero dollars taken from taxpayers will not be allowed to be used for anything other than structural repairs and integrity of the roads that those same taxpayers use. Unconscionable.

ODOT and the governor needs to demonstrate to the taxpayers that they are capable of actually balancing the budget they already have and show line item fiscal responsibility. Oregonians who have lived here for decades have seen the degradation of mismanagement at every level of government and we're fed up.

Most of the taxpayers in this state are barely getting by. Adding more taxation WITHOUT REPRESENTATION is an abomination and complete disrespect. This isn't a new or recent issue, it's been on a slippery slope for decades. More taxes, that NO ONE CAN AFFORD, will not solve the problems at ODOT or the governor. Here's an idea — cut the fat at the top, eliminate pork barrel projects and don't spend more than you were previously given. Government should not operate any differently than a family budget. You don't spend what you don't have. And you don't steal more in order to spend more.

For the governor to waste taxpayer money by insisting on a special session is a breach of duty and slap in the face to every citizen in this state.

Just say NO to scalping the taxpayer yet again. Wouldn't it be grand to see the legislature grow a spine and require that EVERYONE in state government trim their expenses and spend only what they have been allocated?! Yes, it would, but the track record proves otherwise.

Having lived here for my entire life it is downright embarrassing and disgusting to see what this magnificent state has become. It's time for a reckoning — at every level and on every level.

This opposition has nothing to do politics. Politics are nothing but selfish rhetoric. This is solely about the people of this state and their quality of life. STOP THE INSANITY!