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Hello,

I'm writing on behalf of my little family, living in North Portland. My husband was born and raised here, graduating from Benson High in 2003 and I graduated from Roosevelt in 2011. We recently had a baby in February and are both full time working in social work. To be able to continue living in our neighborhood close to family is our dream. Increasing taxes is making it harder and harder each year. We recently upgraded our vehicle to a hybrid to save on gas, now with Koteks new bill, we will see an increase on our registration that adds costs we were hoping to cut in upgrading to a more fuel efficient vehicle.

Pay per mile tax would greatly impact our family as I drive across Clackamas county to visit clients who experience developmental disabilities in their homes where they receive care. My husband drives around all three metro counties visiting his clients who experience intellectual/ developmental disabilities in their jobs that he supports them in maintaining.

ODOT seems to take on more and more projects each year that don't seem to align with ODOT responsibilities. Raising our taxes to pay for these projects will continue to push our family and families like ours out of the state.

I beg that you vote no to these tax increases and help adopt a bill for funding ODOT that holds them accountable for reckless spending.

Thank you,