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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing in opposition to the new and increase in taxes to support ODOT. I own and operate Fort Vannoy Farms, Inc. in Grants Pass, OR, I grow corn, vegetables, and hay. All my supplies and crop inputs have to be trucked in and crops have to be trucked out. Margins in farming are already small. Adding to my costs will affect what I can do in the future, which will be less money to spend on labor and capital improvements. I am already having to cut down on my improvements and maintenance and cannot afford to give my money in the way of higher taxes, for someone else to improve. ODOT needs to change how it is operating to be able to get by with what they have. As a small farmer I am having to get by on less as the price for our crops have decreased, but our expenses are increasing.