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We 8 Oregon voting members oppose the transportation bill. This is not the time to raise taxes on your constituents! ODOT needs to learn to live within their means and stop wasting money! Work bids should be able to go to the lowest bidder, not just those on union wages. We have a friend who works at ODOT and testifies that there is a tremendous amount of waste in ODOT, and there is a significant lack of transparency of where the taxpayers' money is being spent. Cut waste at the top and leave those who actually do useful work (snow plow operators, for example) on the job. Focus on hiring someone with business experience to run the organization efficiently and STOP bleeding us taxpayers of our hard-earned money! We are encouraging our smart, hard-working young adult children to leave the state if they want (difficult for a mother to do...), because it's doubtful they'll ever be able to afford a good home or property in the Willamette Valley. Think about the implications of your tax hikes! You're losing generations-long Oregonians left and right, and they'll never come back. Who will pay ODOT, then?