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Topic:

The cost of living in Oregon keeps going up. It's frustrating that we can't keep our cities, forest, and natural environment clean with homeless, trash and waste issues. It's so sad to see this happen to such a beautiful place. Now on top of that, the Govenor is asking the public to pay for the mismanagement of funds?!? This is simply unacceptable.

Residents in Portland already pay some of the highest taxes in the country. 2nd I believe to \$20+ million earners in New York city. It's time the state of Oregon government learn to budget and spend responsibly, like normal individuals and public has too. People are tired of government overreach and not seeing any benefits to the already high and always increasing taxes we pay. The Governor needs to be held accountable to producing with the budget she has and deliver results.

We as the public don't get a raise / access to extra funds whenever we want or need extra money to cover expenses, take a vacation, do additions to houses. We have to budget and make sacrifices in order to make ends meet. The Oregon Government needs to show it's in the same boat as the people and do the same thing in order to gain the trust of the people back. The voters shot down a tax hike on the last ballot, the fact the Govenor is ignoring this and not listening to her people is infuriating.

Thank you