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Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to what is being called the worst tax hike in Oregon history. At a time when Oregonians are already struggling with rising costs of living, the last thing our families and businesses need is another tax increase. No new taxes should be considered until our state proves it can responsibly manage the resources it already has.

Before asking taxpayers for more money, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) must undergo a full, independent, and transparent audit. Oregonians deserve to know exactly how current funds are being spent and whether they are being used efficiently. Without accountability, new taxes will only deepen mistrust between citizens and government.

If more funds are to be directed to transportation, they should be prioritized where they are most needed: fixing our deteriorating roads and bridges. Too often, taxpayer money is funneled into projects that do little to improve highway safety or traffic flow, while critical infrastructure continues to crumble.

Every available dollar should go directly to highways, safety, and maintenance—not to new bureaucracies, wasteful projects, or political agendas. Oregon families and businesses depend on safe, reliable transportation, and that must be the priority.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject any new tax increases and instead focus on accountability, audits, and responsible use of the resources already available. Oregonians cannot afford another crushing tax burden.

Respectfully,
Cindee Carson