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I am a single mother of 4. I have lived in Oregon all my life and I love it...I have left in the past trying to find a place that was affordable. I was able to to achieve financial stability and afford raising my children out of this state, it was miserable and we were home sick! It meant that I would be working 3 jobs to feed and house us, while the “daycare” that I was slaving to pay would be spending more time with my children than their mom—we moved home anyway. They are older now and luckily have learned that work ethic from me, because I am barely able to afford one driver (myself) much less two more with the price of gas, fees, and all the things that come along with driving. I question my decision to raise them here in our home state of Oregon now—was it right to choose to live here when that means sacrificing their best years of growing up here in Oregon -time to enjoy the beauty of the state, participating in athletics and extracurricular activities, in exchange for long hours working as teenagers? Will anyone want to make that same sacrifice in order to afford to live here in the future? Is there a means to an end? What is the point of living in such a majestic and beautiful state when families are not free to enjoy it? Stewardship is very important in all walks of life, especially when what you are stewarding affects hundreds of thousands of people’s lives and future generations, and Oregon is failing massively in this task. Oregonians cannot afford any additional taxes! I urge you to vote NO on this crazy proposal and be intentional to adequately steward the monies that have and continue to be provided by the families that choose to live here in Oregon. As a native Oregonian, with multiple contributing family members under my roof, I am asking you to use our resources responsibly and accountably. Vote No on LC2!