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For the record my name is Peter Kenagy I am 65yr old life long resident/farmer/land steward and broadly engaged resident/citizen of Albany OR.

You have a incredibly hard and important job ahead of you to figure out how to efficiently and effectively spend the limited dollars available to get the best long term outcomes, for the future of Oregon and Its residents.

I am not going to list any bills but I do want to offer you a lens to look at things thru as you make your decisions. That I hope you will consider.

Priority one needs to be—— will dollars we spend and invest today save us money in the long term, protect our quality of life and preserve our environment generations in to the future?

Priority two needs to be—— are there long term negative consequences to spending/investing in things that appear to give us short term gain but in reality will have long term consequences that will make our problems worse and cost us money and quality of life in the future?

Examples.... Investing minimal dollars into efforts to tackle invasive species is a high return on our investment that will save society huge amounts long into the future and preserve our environment .

Investing huge dollars into subsidizing housing and growth will do little to make housing more affordable, particularly when only 30% are required to be affordable. ( I just don't get why we should be subsidizing non affordable housing). There are huge long term negative consequences to traffic congestion, quality of life and future needs to spend more money to mitigate the problems that will inevitably be created.