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Before asking taxpayers for more money, the state must first provide full transparency on where existing funds—and surplus funds—are going. Oregonians deserve clear answers on what happened to money previously earmarked for ODOT, Highway 217, and other projects.

For more than a decade, Oregon has failed to demonstrate accountability in its budgeting. Despite having double the budget for half the population of many comparable states, we see government buildings in disrepair, roads that need fixing, outdated equipment and furniture, persistent delays with unemployment claims, and reductions in essential services such as education. Meanwhile, taxpayers are told that more revenue is needed.

As a taxpayer, I will support additional taxes only when the state can demonstrate responsible stewardship of the money it already collects. That proof has not been provided. Until accountability is established, I—and many other families—cannot justify further tax burdens, and we are even considering leaving the state if this continues.

Oregon must prioritize transparency, responsibility, and efficiency before demanding more from its citizens. Please do not add to the tax burden without first earning the trust of the people you serve.