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I am writing to express my strong opposition to any proposal to raise taxes to fund the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). While I understand the importance of maintaining our roads, bridges, and transportation systems, continually turning to taxpayers as the primary solution is not sustainable or equitable.

ODOT must prioritize accountability, efficiency, and innovation in its budgeting practices. Before placing an additional financial burden on Oregon families, the department should be required to conduct a thorough audit of existing expenditures, eliminate waste, and explore alternative funding mechanisms that do not rely solely on raising taxes.

Oregonians are already facing rising costs in housing, utilities, food, and other essentials. Adding another tax increase will only strain working families, seniors on fixed incomes, and small businesses struggling to recover and grow in today's economy.

I urge you to oppose any tax increases for ODOT and instead insist on fiscal responsibility, smarter spending, and fairer solutions that do not punish Oregon residents.

Thank you for considering the voices of taxpayers like myself.