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To the Oregon State Legislature, I'm a 58-year-old Oregonian who's had it with this nonsense. House Bill 3991 is a slap in the face, jacking up gas taxes by 6 cents, hiking registration fees by \$42, and nearly doubling title fees with a \$139 increase, plus a new payroll tax. Families like mine are already crushed by skyrocketing costs- groceries, gas, you name it. This bill could drive folks out of Oregon, and if we all leave, who's paying your taxes then? The state's budget is bigger than ever-billions more than last time, with \$1.2 billion from legal marijuana and \$1.4 billion from lottery cash rolling in yearly. So why the new taxes? It's not about need; it's about waste. Governor Kotek's letting ODOT run wild, deciding gas price hikes while they're \$350 million in the hole. They're blowing money on high-salary DEI jobs and unaudited homelessness programs-hundreds of millions with nothing to show for it. And don't get me started on free medical insurance and food stamps for undocumented immigrants, stretching our dollars thinner. Fix the damn roads and bridges with the money you've got. Stop the abuse, manage the budget, and quit squeezing hardworking Oregonians. Kill HB 3991. Thank you!