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I would like to list my opposition to the emergency session adding several new taxes which make Oregonians lives more difficult because they are focused on energy & transportation which affects all product keeping inflation high. A gas tax unfairly taxes tax payers in rural areas.

ODOT has never passed an audit and is very poorly run with plenty of fat at the top & middle levels.

ODOT spend \$358 Million servicing their debt. WHY?

Buried in the Governor's 91 page transportation bill is Section 12 - Unelected ODOT bureaucrats will be given power to raise gas taxes and truck fees — automatically — starting in 2030. Where is the representative democracy in automated increasing fees?

Why does ODOT have to use union labor at over 30% increased cost over non - union? We should manage costs for roads, don't you think?

Why does ODOT continue with Electric Vehicle mandate? Electric vehicles pay no road tax via gasoline tax. This funding seems to fund NGO's like green energy fund & other leftist causes that citizens do not want.

ODOT currently focuses less than 6% of budget on road maintenance & repair. Why is that? Shouldn't it be 100%? Isn't in the name?

What is eating up the other 94%?

Why are we doing the Climate Protection Plan? Trump pulled out of the silly Paris & Tokyo accords. Why is Oregon continuing with this expensive folly started by Brown? BY the Way, where is all the new charging infrastructure? Seems the money just disappeared like the Homeless money.

The silliest ODOT issue under Advanced Clean Truck rule forcing electric trucks that DO NOT exist to replace diesel trucks with No infrastructure. Why is ODOT in the business of Imagineering new technology when it can't maintain existing roads? Leave this to the marketplace. All costs for this will be passed on to the consumer so all goods' prices will inflate again.

Most of Kotek's new taxes target private vehicles. Why? Freedom? Dislike of rural & suburban taxpayers?

Public transportation is unsafe & ineffective. Why increase it's funding? Only the insane violent vagrant junkies ride it, why would I?

In closing Oregon doesn't have a revenue problem, it has a spending problem caused by a greedy political class.

Please reject these onerous & unnecessary taxes & force ODOT to live within its means.