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I just heard a story from a low income person. "Us poor people are the backbone of this state not the people trying to maneuver to take all the property in the state... And give it to illegals which they are haciendas back giving grants to illegal aliens for homes"

This is what they think you are doing to us!

My roots are deep in this state for 8 generations now with my grandchildren. We love this state but it is increasingly hard to survive here. We need a break; we need not feel the over-taxed burden that you wish us to endure. We've had enough! You do not seem to care about us hard working Oregonians and just want us to be your piggy bank.

I am writing to express my strong and unequivocal opposition to HB 3991.

It is tone deaf manipulation by the Governor to put this bill up on a holiday weekend. Disgusting really. We are watching!

This bill is a direct assault on Oregon's working families and small businesses. It proposes nearly \$800 million in new taxes and fees—raising the gas tax to 46¢ per gallon, doubling the transit payroll tax, increasing vehicle registration and title fees, and imposing a per-mile road usage charge on electric vehicles. These are not theoretical costs. They are real, painful burdens that will hit every household and employer in this state.

As one small business owner put it:

"We don't mind paying our fair share—but HB 3991 isn't fair. It's a tax avalanche on people already buried."

This bill already failed once during the regular session. Now it's being rushed through over a holiday weekend, when public attention is low and families are focused on each other—not politics. That's not transparency. That's manipulation.

Before asking Oregonians to pay more, the Legislature must first earn back their trust. That means:

Independent audits of ODOT and the state budget

Clear public accounting of current spending

Real opportunities for public testimony—not rushed hearings

HB 3991 is the wrong bill at the wrong time. It punishes the very people who keep Oregon's economy alive. I urge you to vote NO and demand a transparent, audit-first approach that respects taxpayers and protects jobs.

Respectfully,

Mike Slagle