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Funding
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Dear Oregon Legislators

I am writing as both an Oregon resident and a small business owner to urge you to oppose any new tax or fee proposals to support ODOT's transportation budget. Oregonians simply cannot afford additional financial burdens right now. Families are already struggling with the rising costs of housing, food, fuel, and utilities—another tax or fee would only make it harder to make ends meet.

As a business leader in senior care, I see firsthand how new taxes or fees ripple through the economy. Workers will need higher wages just to afford the additional gas costs to get to work. Suppliers will raise their prices to offset new taxes and fees. Services like mine, much of which is funded through Medicaid, cannot absorb these increases without additional State funding. Ultimately, these costs will be pushed back onto the state and taxpayers in other ways; again hitting our family budgets!

Before asking taxpayers and businesses for more, ODOT should open its books and demonstrate why it cannot fulfill its core responsibilities with the significant funding it already receives. Like every Oregon household and business, ODOT needs to prioritize and budget responsibly before asking us for more money!

Please stand with Oregonians and businesses alike by rejecting new ODOT-related taxes or fees. This is not a Democratic or Republican issue – this is an Oregonian taxpayer issue; we need help surviving the rising costs of living- PLEASE NO NEW TAXES AND FEES!

Thank you for your time and service to the Oregonians' you represent!

Sincerely,
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