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Testimony regarding the largest transportation tax in Oregon's history.

In view of financial mismanagement by ODOT, and the largest tax increase in history that Oregonians are expected to cover, I have one word: NO.

I do not see accountability for lack of budget oversight. I do not see proposals other than reaching into the pockets of already stretched Oregonians who do not have limitless funds to hand over to an irresponsible state government that does not manage its own house.

I live in Portland. I clean sidewalks. I address the homeless symptoms that include addiction, mental illness, garbage, violence. Tell me why I should hand over more of my limited budget to a government that is not demonstrating to me respect of my already financial support.

I see carelessness. I see entitlement. I see a government that doesn't care about tax paying citizen's quality of life, or the small business's successes or failures, or the cost of simply living in Oregon.

What I see is habitual behavior with no future strategy or agenda to remedy spending. This mimics the addiction behavior I witness on my streets. More. More. More.

While Tina Kotek does not have the time to appear to listen to constituents, my message is very explicit: NO. MORE. TAXES. Full stop.

No more money to fund a system that is irresponsible, busted, and shows no signs of responsibility or recovery.

Fix your process. Address your budget failures. Do NOT lay this at my doorstep.

Do NOT expect my resources to cover your mismanagement.

When YOU have done your homework, let's talk.

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