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As a registered voter, small business owner in the transportation industry, and family person in the State of Oregon I strongly oppose the passage of ANY bill that raises tax dollars, and subsequently, the cost of living.

The operating costs to run a commercial vehicle are already difficult to absorb and margins for our owner operators are narrowing daily with fuel costs, puc taxes, federal highway use taxes, insurances, etc.

My 22 year old grandson is working full time and living in a converted garage apartment to save enough money to have a nice car. He has hopes and dreams of one day buying his own house but can barely make ends meet now... let alone adding additional licensing and gas fees.

My 23 yo granddaughter is living in a camp trailer we gave her, paying 600 mo space rent in an tv park. She is working a minimum wage job and frequently needs assistance with gas money to get to work.

OR tax payers have limited options to increase their financial budget. They (we) make choices to sacrifice and prioritize our expenditures based on available budgetary limits. Our government MUST do the same.

Don't threaten job losses as a first line of defense if your position. If you ask the majority of the voters, we would all likely chose to fix our roads, plow and sand our roads, etc before we put in new bike paths or walking trails. Yes those are nice, but not essential

Definitely must vote no on this measure, and, once again- push our legislatures to live within their means - re-allocate existing funds and stop using threats to brow beat us into spending more money we personally can't afford