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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Session Committee On Transportation  
Funding

Measure, Appointment or  
Topic: HB3991

NO, NO and NO on HB3991.

NO MORE TAXES AND NO MORE FEES!

STOP the FINANCIAL RAPING of Oregonians.

While costs are on the decline across the US, Oregon remains one of the highest cost of living states because the Oregon government has found so many creative ways to waste taxpayer's money.

INCREASING TAXES and FEES for everything we need IS DRIVING BUSINESSES and PEOPLE OUT OF THE STATE which RESULTS IN LOWER REVENUES.

Thinking that increasing taxes and fees will solve this is pure STUPIDITY! The Oregon Government is driving headlong into this financial death spiral.

What do we get back from all these outrageous taxes and fees? ROADS badly deteriorated, INCREASED traffic CONGESTION (and NO, it is NOT "traffic calming"), green painted streets for bicycles that we never see on them, VAGRANT encampments putrefying our cities, 911 call centers that don't answer their phones, police that don't show up at crime scenes, and continually increasing crime.

I am retired and can no longer afford to live in Oregon because of the outrageous taxes, fees, and costs of goods and services.

OUR MONEY (not the government's) is not being spent wisely and appropriately. Oregon government must learn to live within a tight budget just like all of us must do.

Stalling until late Friday night to then decide to hold this hearing on SUNDAY on the LABOR DAY HOLIDAY weekend is absolutely abhorrent. The Legislature is there to REPRESENT THE PEOPLE and this move to ensure the special session occurred on SUNDAY of the LABOR DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND shows that our GOVERNMENT IS TOTALLY CORRUPT and DOES NOT REPRESENT THE PEOPLE.

WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH of a corrupt and WASTEFUL government.

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VOTE "NO" on HB3991.