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My name is Charlotte Kreftmeyer, I am a resident of Malheur County here in Oregon. My community is primarily farmers and small businesses. We have many families who struggle to keep food on the table, the electricity on and water running into their homes.

I am here to let you know that this \$5.7 Billion dollar tax bill is bad for the people of Oregon.

I can attest coming from one of the poorest communities in Oregon, that these tax hikes will harm individuals, counties, businesses alike.

Raising gas tax even if only by .06 cents, the raising of vehicle registration and title fees, doubling the payroll tax of .1%, and adding a tax for electric vehicle registration fees and a road usage tax for electric and hybrid vehicles absolutely will create difficulty for many.

Is it not bad enough you already tax gas because they are not eco friendly, (Oregon's motto) but then turn around and tax those individuals who stood with the state and switched and now are wanting to charge to use the road is ridiculous, our hard earned tax dollars helped build the roads and it is the states job to maintain them to which has not been done outside of the highly prosperous counties.

The increase of registration and title fees is wrong as this too will cause difficulties for people in Oregon, you may not have to choose between feeding your family and licensing a car but many do.

And lest we forget that we already pay high payroll taxes in Oregon to which raising them could mean the end of many businesses and job losses as well.

I ask that you think hard about the decision you are trying to make and consider how it will impact all the hard working individuals who pay your salaries without fail, because without all of us you just may have to not get paid as we Oregonians will be too broke to support your payroll.