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Oregonians are already feeling the squeeze from rising costs and federal cuts to essential programs like Medicaid and food stamps. Increasing DMV fees and the gas tax will disproportionately impact low-income families, making it even harder for them to afford basic necessities.

This dmv fees increase could lead to a vicious cycle where individuals are forced to choose between dmv fees and groceries and are unable to comply with vehicle registration requirements due to financial constraints, potentially resulting in further financial penalties and even lower DMV revenue.

This could impact housing stability for folks living paycheck to paycheck.

The last thing that low income folks and families need right now is more expensive gas prices, and rather than increasing DMV fees Oregon should explore alternative solutions that balance budget needs with the economic realities faced by its most vulnerable residents, such as pro-rate fees based on household income.