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What happened to our Legislators being good stewards of taxpayer dollars? I know that some believe that passing this bill is the right thing and meets the obligations of being good stewards to your constituents, but you're wrong! The mixed messages that are continuing to be sent to the community is clear: the government has no accountability to how funds are spent, no oversight, no responsibility- just the belief that you can raise taxes to meet your needs. Enough! The rest of us don't have that ability, so neither should the government!

ODOT needs to tighten its belt, just like the rest of us, and prioritize services. From what we've seen, this is not happening. Eliminate frivolous spending on DEI - none of these employees are on the layoff list for ODOT. Why is that? Why are they more important than maintenance and road safety? Your priorities are wrong!

Our lives are important, we work hard for our paychecks and deserve to be able to afford groceries, gas, and life. You are continuing to tax us out of Oregon because of special interests and lack of prioritizing essential services. Services that the government should support, not frivolous special interests!

We urge you to vote NO on new taxes and this bill!