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I am adamantly opposed to this bill. This is a complete and total attack on all Oregonians but specifically rural Oregonians. As a school teacher I drive 56 miles round trip for my teaching job. I live on multiple acres of timber and because of that I drive a SUV. Everything about this bill punishes me, my family and our family logging business.

But what's even more egregious about their bill is that it just hands out money to ODOT who has just proven again this year that they are completely unable to manage their money. And you want to reward them for this? First they need consequences for their poor management. This bill is NOT this. Secondly you need implement Representative Drazan and Boahart-Davis's plan for the agency!

ODOT needs to get back to their core mission and nothing more. With this they need to work within their already established budget. I have to live on my budget. When groceries go up \$20-50 dollars I can't go to you and ask for tax money. I have to make cuts. I use to spend \$20 a week on Starbucks 5 years ago. Today I might spend \$20 over two months. Thats a 50% cut.

It's time to see the state of Oregon make the same type of budget cuts the average Oregonian has been making the last 5 years. Stop with the fluff and stick to the core mission. Cut programs that aren't fixing our potholes, paving our roads or plowing snow. Cut the positions that aren't doing these jobs.

Supporting this bill shows you are blatantly ignoring the plight of the majority of Oregonians. Voting for this bill shows you are absolutely deaf to your constituents wants and needs. Pushing this bill shows just how much you are out of step with rural Oregon and how much you hate everyone who lives and works in rural Oregon. But let's not forget the final thing, supporting this bill shows how much you hate business, the people who own businesses and those of us who need businesses. Do the right thing and KILL THIS BILL! It is horrible!