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On Behalf Of:
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Topic:

As a registered voter in the state of Oregon, I oppose the gas tax increase and the registration fees being increased, along with any and all other tax increases. I believe our state, individual counties, and city governments (especially Portland) need to be more financially transparent and fiscally responsible. It's not a lot of savings, but the state could stop issuing paper registration, month and year stickers for plates, and reduce the plate requirements to one plate on the rear of the vehicle. Several states already do this. Law enforcement officers run plates from the rear of the vehicle so it is not as necessary to require plates on the front. Additionally, through advancements in technology, LEO have access to registration information on their computers so drivers shouldn't be required to have written copies in their vehicle. Each driver could be emailed a copy of their registration upon renewal if they'd like to print one themselves to keep in their car. This would cut plate production costs in half, reduce printing and mailing fees by eliminating registration cards and stickers on the plates.

Returning to the original point of this letter, I oppose SB1599 and any new taxes the state wants to impose on the citizens of Oregon. Stop the waste!