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On Behalf Of:

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I signed a petition to allow Oregonians to vote if taxes should increase to support transportation infrastructure in Oregon. The petition requested that the people be allowed to vote on this issue on the November ballot. Any attempt to change the wording of the petition I signed is wrong and dirty politics that attempts to subvert the will of the people.

If you want to improve transportation in Oregon, how about doing what regular people do: evaluate the budget, prioritize, and make it more efficient. This year, I've seen so many unnecessary road construction projects that should not have happened if money is limited. In my own neighborhood, approximately 11 (going by memory) cement sidewalk handicap entry points were all replaced with essentially the same design but with bright orange paint. This project took three weeks with a crew of approximately 10 people. The crew supervisor started this was necessary to get help from the federal government to repave neighborhood roads. Is this an efficient use of my taxes which cover both state and federal funds? I find it interesting that there is currently only one handicap person in our neighborhood and she cannot even use the sidewalks because they are blocked by shrubbery which the government chooses to not keep off the sidewalks or enforce homeowners to do so. Why replace handicap side walk entrances on sidewalks which are not useable by those who are handicapped? This is simply WASTE by people who are spending money without understanding of local needs. Start acting like the money spent on transportation is your own money, not some magic unlimited pot of free funds that can simply be expanded.

Respectfully,
David Robinson