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We do not need new taxes. This state is very well funded as is. What we need to do is control crime and drug issues if you want to improve public safety. Get rid of measure 110 and make drugs illegal in our communities, not just on public transit. Do you want transit safe, but you don't care about neighborhoods? Then find people who will prosecute law breakers, which also has been proven to deter crime. Limiting drugs will also help with the homeless crisis on the west part of our state. Implementing new taxes that are hardest on our elderly populations, to throw more money around in the name of public safety borders on insanity. You know doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result. Think about it for a minute: increased property taxes lead to increased cost of housing which leads to increased homelessness which leads to decreased public safety. It's like throwing gasoline on a fire to put it out. We need to see legislation that will help the underlying issues in this state, not make them worse.