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Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature.

In the last six years the Oregon Governors and Oregon Congress have the following new taxes to Oregonians:

- Statewide Transit Tax 2018
- Corporate Activity Tax 2020
- Oregon Family Leave Insurance 2023
- Workers' Benefit Fund (WBF). By the way, seems like the OFLI overlaps this...
- Income Tax Increase 2023

Oregon's Governors and Oregon's Congress have made the tax burden of its citizens even heavier. Add to that, inflation for the last 3 years or so is stifling! Does the Governor really think now is a good time to add additional taxes to the heavy load the Oregonians are currently carrying? We're supposed to be the party of the "Working families." Currently, the cost of living in Oregon is about 14% higher than the national average (according to www.bestplaces.net). Best Places reaches this number by calculating the cost of housing, food, childcare, healthcare and taxes. Everything that a working family needs to function; forget about prospering. We're talking about just sustaining life. Again, we supposed to be a party "for the working families." How about some relief for change? Please Governor Kotek, Senators and Representatives, we can't take any more. We need some relief. Please do not add to our heavy tax burden.

Sincerely,
Vincent O'Rourke
Taxed burdened Oregonian.