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As a trucking executive domiciled in the State of OR, we deal with rising tire costs, fuel costs, road taxes, puc taxes, UCR Registration fees, Licensing fees, rising insurance costs, rising maintenance costs (dramatically rising with all the clean air requirements for emissions).

And yet, as the economy remains soft, we see freight rates (pricing) constantly falling.

Trucking is the backbone of this nation, and yet we are struggling to survive. Our tire cost last year was close to \$100,000. An additional 4% tax here, coupled with a 20% increase in insurance (in spite of an excellent safety record), fuel costs close to 75¢ per mile, etc, with average freight rates below \$2 per mile, we have to fight every cost possible.

And to further insult the trucking industry, using tire taxes to fund something other than roads, in fact, to improve rail / transit systems, is unconscionable!

We understand that everyone is looking to increase revenues, but, as our "new" government is attempting to show by example, we must all look to reduce cost in order to live within our budget means.