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I want to say that Oregonians need another tax right now about as much as my cat requires its own condo. For those of us trying to make ends meet in this period of inflation, this pours salt on the wound. Further, I'd like to point out that with so many of these add-on taxes popping up lately, the degree to which our highways and interstates remain unworked and unexpanded is amazing to me. There will be incredible transportation challenges if a Cascadian Subduction Zone quake strikes the West Coast. Leaving our transportation arteries in the present condition while focusing more and more on rail or "environmental" selections of little objective merit will make it much more difficult for residents to leave the cities in an actual emergency- and for emergency services to enter.