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I hope this testimony finds you well—perhaps enjoying a refreshing beverage that now costs 15 cents more thanks to our latest funding decisions. Isn't it fascinating how we can fix wildfire funding while simultaneously imposing absurd taxes? It's almost like an art form!

Let's talk about Measure 114 and the millions squandered in court battles. Wouldn't it be nice to redirect those funds toward our hardworking ODF firefighters? They're out there putting in over 200 hours overtime a season and along with their supervisors who receive no extra pay, ensuring our lands are protected. Maybe if we prioritized our spending better, the landowners wouldn't have to bear the burden of unnecessary taxes.

Our transportation taxes keep piling up, yet ODOT is still broke, and the roads remain in disrepair. Clearly, we have our priorities all mixed up. It's time we reconsider where our funds are going—starting from the very top.

Vote correctly, be a leader and stop the non-sense!