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I find it hard to understand how our state government can put forth such a large increase in taxes and fees for operating a vehicle. How is it that many other states are able to have significantly lower gas taxes and gas prices in general and yet are able to handle more and better road maintenance than Oregon. Taking Wisconsin for example is charging \$2.59/gallon for regular unleaded gasoline, more than a dollar less than here in McMinnville, yet has much more snow removal and road maintenance costs than Oregon. Maybe our government should look at ways to make things more affordable here in Oregon instead of charging more for the same service that we all have been complaining about for the last decade.

Maybe look at charging per mile tax on electric vehicles. They are even heavier than normal gas vehicle which will do more damage to roads and bridges. Since they are not paying any gas tax, they need to pay their fair share of using Oregon roads.

Thanks for considering my testimony.

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