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As someone who has spent the past 20 years trying to build a business in Oregon - this is so much more of the same. Tax, on top of tax. People are already paying the Corporate Activity tax on auto purchases as well as the privilege tax. Working families need vehicles to get to and from work....you say you care about families and reducing the cost of living for all Oregonians. Well clearly that is not the case. Low income families need to buy cars also, it is not just the rich. As an Auto Dealer the taxes we transmit to the State have increased by nearly \$500,000 since 2019. This is just one business, a business that is located in East Multnomah County where we pay the same for the goods we sell as they do in Washington County, yet our consumers in our primary market area make tens of thousand less per year than those living elsewhere. These taxes are due whether you make a profit or not. So to make ends meet we must pass these costs on to our clients. And in our zip codes that is difficult. So please do not think you are just hurting Auto Dealers and making them pay for shortfalls your employees should have caught before it reached a billion dollars (how about firing some of them). You are hurting single moms, senior citizens and every working family that is try to make ends meet. THIS IS NOT A SALES TAX WAY MORE UNFAIR.

Even a sales tax is a fair tax as you only pay when you spend but this tax in on a certain industry on certain purchases which makes it extremely unfair on so many levels. I