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I am hearing alot about increases in taxes. This is very frustrating. Oregon has one of the highest taxes in the country. And its becoming unlivable in several different ways. Utilities are out of control! Gas prices are way to high compared to the rest of the county. But yet the government keeps adding taxes. Many other issues in our state that are broken due to the way things are being handled.

I'm a middle class citizen but I use to live just above the poverty line for many years. It caused me to use my money wisely. This is what really frustrates me; my tax money being spent unwisely! Its easy to spend someone else money when it doesn't affect you. Its time to make some changes. I can't do that but you can. Thats why you are in the legislature to help your people.

Me and my husband own and run a very small non-profit. We have 2 clean and sober houses. We are trying to help people get back on their feet. We keep the rent affordable, hold them accountable to our rules to help them grow in their new life of sobriety. We offer alot of support. We spend lots of time with our residents. So here the problem with all the increases in taxes and the high cost of living; With the cost of utilities raising, it is making it hard to not increase the affordable rent for our residents. With the cost of taxes and housing cost, its hard for our residents to move on after their 2 years is up.

We don't receive ANY income from this non-profit business! NONE! We do it for fun and for free. Its our calling to help people. We do not receive any state or federal funding as we do not want to be control by any DEI or anything that goes against our faith beliefs. We are just trying to help people who want help.

Btw this whole homeless, addictions, mental illness issue that our state has, drives me crazy! The government is enabling them to NOT get help and killing them and destroying our land.

So please stop taxing your people! What ever bills you are voting for please stop the taxing! Its so unfair to the people of this state!

Thank you for time.