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I am disappointed that the increased taxes and fees from this bill go towards highway expansion first and put local communities, repairs, transit, and bike lanes last. I am moving from my current home in Portland to one in a more walkable--and therefore much more expensive--neighborhood. I shouldn't only have good transit options, pedestrian safety, bike infrastructure, and road repairs because I can afford to. For most of my life I have worked full time as a nonprofit employee and as a social worker serving the people of Oregon and have not been able to afford those options. Working class neighborhoods in our cities and rural communities throughout the state deserve a transportation bill that prioritizes local communities.