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According to wallethub.com, we already rank 4th in "Individual Income Tax as % of Personal Income". The new taxes in this one bill appear to be enough to push us up into 3rd. Plus we have a heavy and complicated corporate tax system. Recently we had an overall population decline, as a state (2021-22). As a state we are now growing slightly again, but that is not the case for Multnomah County, where taxes are highest. There, it's still negative. I see a connection between these things, do you?

I know you want to do a lot of things, transportation-wise, and most of us agree that our infrastructure needs constant work. However, how much have you also considered that the taxes needed to support your growth and expansion desires may be leading to taxation at levels that cause our population to decline? Particularly in the areas that would most use that infrastructure? This looks like a big leap over that line and I urge all parties involved to consider this from that perspective, and to come up with a way to share the results of that consideration with us regular folks outside of the system.

Thank you.