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Senators of Oregon,

My family strongly opposes tax increases to fund transportation. If the money would be used to fix and maintain safety on roads, it MIGHT be palatable, but using funds for more rail, green project subsidies, subsidizing public transportation and the like is NOT what the money should be used for. Pull funding from nonsense projects, put the money into completing projects and improving them.

People are taxed to the extent that they have no savings, they are having to make hard choices with the money they have left in their paychecks. Do NOT increase the gas tax. Do NOT increase the payroll tax. Do not enact a higher tax on car purchases. Look deeply into the departments and create efficiencies. I owned a small successful business for 20 years. When things got tight, we looked inward, reorganized ourselves, and actually improved things.

People of all income levels will feel these increases and we simply cannot take any more.