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Hello Elected Leaders,

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. As a lifelong Oregonian, it breaks my heart to see the direction our state is going. My husband and I were born and raised here and we could barely afford to purchase a home where we grew up. However, we saved and lived within our means until an opportunity presented itself. We didn't mismanage our funds, spend recklessly, and then ask other people to pay our bills for us. Running the government without regard to financial responsibility and asking the public to bankroll a system/department that has not been able to manage the money they've already received is ludicrous. A vast majority of Oregonians are already struggling to make ends meet, who knows what will happen when they're asked to spend even more against their will. Respectfully, why should we pay for a mismanaged government budget when we properly manage our own budgets? I'm not usually one to stand up and say anything but gosh darn it, I'm sick of watching the elected officials in this state pass legislation that doesn't spend taxpayer money wisely. Something has to give here. You've been elected to serve the people of Oregon, please genuinely think about how these tax and fee increases will affect the lives and livelihood of ALL Oregonians. I'll give you a hint: it won't be a good thing. I sincerely hope that you'll all do the right thing and recognize that raising taxes/fees to fund something that hasn't been able to manage existing funds is not the right decision.

Thank you again for your time.