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This transportation house bill may be the last straw for our family. We are hardly making our expenses now, and nearly every other state in this country is more affordable. We cannot afford the cost of living here, and likely will not be able to retire here.

We cannot afford more taxes, and we especially oppose the tolls. We will be one of the first to be hit due to our location, and I find the thought of paying to leave and enter our city in order to get to our jobs stomach churning.

I have worked since I was 12 years old, babysitting and eventually entering the workforce at age 15. I do not lack work ethic or motivation. However, I find it harder all the time to continue working so hard when I will only be punished with more taxes. Middle class is now paycheck to paycheck, most of us with no savings left. We have worked a lifetime so that we would not be broke in our empty nest years. We the people are exhausted, angry, and sick of the power grabs.

Oregon's current policies and money mismanagement are at the root of this. Rather than own that or correct it, they tax the people.

Blow the budget? Tax the people. Accomplish nothing with the homeless or drug crisis with the millions of dollars previously designated? Tax the people. Mismanage ODOT so grossly that a 1B house bill is snuck in without a vote from the citizens? Which results in, you guessed it, tax the people. Steal the kicker? Why not? We will get it out of you one way or another, Oregonians.

Oregon needs a serious financial audit by a third-party. When something starts to stink this badly, it's usually best to follow the money.