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I have lived in this beautiful state for 68 years. I love the mild weather and beautiful scenery we are blessed with here. What I don't like are the non-stop tax increases. I am retired and living on a fixed income. I'm more fortunate than many. I have a home and I can afford to eat. I live frugally so that I can keep my home. However, if you insist on pushing through this latest round of massive tax increases, that all may change. I currently pay almost four times as much in quarterly estimated taxes to Oregon as I do to the Federal Government. I'm not wealthy. I've worked hard all my life, saved and lived within my means. It's past time for our legislators and state departments like ODOT to live within their means too. Enough is enough. I'm not simply against this bill, I cannot afford it. I give a fair amount to charities that use their donations wisely. If I can manage my money and those charities can manage their donations, why can't you manage the taxes you take from our hard working citizens? With the current uncertainty in the job market, it is irresponsible to push more taxes on our citizens. I urge you to kill this bill.

Thank you