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It's interesting to me that I should receive a request to submit testimony regarding this bill, HB 2025. Anyone who lives in Oregon knows we are among the most taxed in the nation already and we are paying more for gas than most as well. Yet, fat-cat politicians ride around in their fancy town-cars, sipping their expensive wines, giving no regard to our plight because; as is typical of politicians, they don't feel the sting.

We have too little housing, pay exorbitant prices for rent, struggle to buy food to put on the table and yet here we are, having this asinine conversation about whether the state should take even more of our hard-earned paychecks.

I find it interesting because no matter what myself or the many who oppose this bill say, politicians will; in the end, serve their own interests and nothing more. This is not a left, right issue. It's a I can't afford to put food on the table issue. Even though most of us non-politicians live in a two-income family, living in the state of Oregon amplifies the requirement to do such.

Remember, 'Power corrupts and absolute power, corrupts absolutely', and you all are a perfect example of the truth to this quote.