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Dear Legislators,

I am a public school teacher in Salem-Keizer and also a licensed Realtor. My husband is a public school teacher as well as a coach. We have worked 7 jobs throughout the year to provide for our family. Please do not instate new taxes, and scrap this historic tax bill on Oregon residents. We are suffering under immense taxes, shortages of affordable single family residences, extreme income and property taxes, and the cost of automobiles has skyrocketed as well as insurance. Oregon gas taxes per gallon rival some of the highest in the nation. The affordability and cost calculator compared to actual earned income in Oregon shows an extreme disparity-- and this gap would widen further with these taxes. We had our auto explode on the freeway under 100k miles, with a loan of 6k still owed. We were forced to take a newer car at a high interest rate despite having perfect credit. Shortly thereafter, our other auto from 2003 had a clutch go out, and my husband replaced a radiator himself on my son's fixer car. We work 7 jobs and cannot afford used, low mileage vehicles nor the repairs...adding new auto taxes is NOT helpful to Oregonians. Neither are tolls that WE THE PEOPLE already voted down. Families are utterly exhausted with 3 to 7 jobs per household just trying to keep a very basic standard of living--like a roof over their heads, cars and gas to get to work and school, and money in their pockets for food. Enough of the taxation without TRUE representation! Steamrolling, obfuscation, and scoffing at the wishes and needs of Oregonians MUST STOP. Get crime and drugs and camping under control. Get education in order. Clean up the streets FIRST. And stop taxing Oregonians to death--many are fleeing this tax tyranny. It needs to stop now. No tolls. No more income taxes. No more property tax, auto tax, mattress tax, gas tax, and whatever else you are deciding to tax.

Focus on removing CRIME and bringing back safety and clean streets! I live in West Salem--I would LOVE to see our town safe again. Stop taxing citizens to death.