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I am a born and raised Oregonian, 41yrs! We love Oregon and its immense beauty- its home! My husband and I have decent jobs. We both work full-time for a small family septic business- its not glorious, but its provided and supports our family of 4. In today's economy, everything from groceries, to gas, to paying our bills are getting more challenging because the cost of everything continues to go up, much faster than our wages. Monthly, we look at our budget and work hard to live within our means. We do not use credit cards, we don't eat out much, we try to economize as much as possible but it is getting harder and harder to support our family of 4. Many months we go without certani things because we just can't afford it.

We are involved in our community, we volunteer with different organizations, we follow the laws, and we have great relationships with our neighbors. We are the kind of residents or citizens Oregon should want to have- we are productive and good to others. But if HB 2025 passes, we will be leaving the State for a different place that does not have as many taxes because bluntly, we can't afford to live here anymore! We can not keep up with the inflation and then to propose further taxes, this is ridiculous! Its time to cut the fat and seriously reconsider the budget you've already been provided with-just like the rest of us! DOGE needs to come to Oregon!

Good Oregonians that work hard- good honest jobs just trying to support their families can NOT take on more taxes. When will this stop? Your policies and taxes are killing the economy. Businesses are leaving the state to find cheaper places to set up shop. I know for our area, there are not many septic pumpers that also do DEQ inspections, so becuas of real estate transactions we are consistently busy. But with new proposed taxes, our employer who has served our area for almost 40yrs has informed us they can't afford Oregon anymore and are looking to move business out of state. If the business I work for leaves, real estate transactions would greatly suffer closing on time because it leaves only a couple other businesses to serve all of Central Oregon, (rumor has it that they also are considering moving out of State- considering Montana!). This bill HURTS Oregon families and it HURTS businesses. If you care about Oregonians you would say NO to HB2025. If this passes, we will be leaving the State. Its our last straw!