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State gas taxes are generally considered regressive taxes. That means they take up a larger percentage of income from lower-income individuals than from higher-income individuals.

Here's why: everyone pays the same tax per gallon of gas—regardless of income. So if someone earning \$25,000 a year and someone earning \$250,000 both buy 10 gallons of gas, they both pay the same tax. But for the lower-income person, that tax represents a much bigger slice of their budget.

I'm a retired baby boomer and we are a large voting block. We need our costs to go down and right now gasoline in the Willamette Valley is much higher than the national average. We will vote you out of office if this passes. Thank you.