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Oregon Leaders,

My family does not support this transportation bill, the biggest tax increase in Oregon history. We are retired, have planned accordingly with our finances. This giant tax increase will throw a wrench into our careful financial planning. This tax bill will hurt ALL Oregonians, retirees, working professionals, low wage workers, young families and everyone in between. My husband and I built a successful business, despite the onerous taxes and burdens on small businesses. I also worked for a large health system here in Portland. I understand managing precious resources, money, as a business owner and a responsible employee involved in hospital reimbursement. Businesses and families cannot simply raise prices! Businesses and families must make good decisions, cut wasteful and silly spending, cut programs and services that are pet projects. We have to look at ourselves, audit ourselves and prioritize what is best for ALL. Sometimes it hurts. Oregon must do the same.

King Koteck, I mean Governor Koteck, recently sent notice to Multnomah County about scaring away high income earners in the Metro. Senators and Legislators, you need to read that same letter and direct it to yourselves. Successful people will take our income elsewhere because we can. Families will leave the state as well, when they can longer afford to be here due to decisions made in Salem. Portland is in a doom loop downward spiral, and Oregon is close to doing the same.

NO MORE TAXES! Do better, just like the citizens and businesses must.