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As a lifelong Oregonian and parent to a family of six, I'm urging you to reconsider the financial burdens being placed on working families like mine. We are already struggling to keep up with essential costs—DMV fees, vehicle maintenance, rising fuel prices, and the ever-growing expenses of daily living. These are not optional luxuries; they are necessities for keeping our jobs, getting our kids to school, and caring for our loved ones.

Adding yet another bill or fee—especially without meaningful improvements to justify the cost—will push many families deeper into debt. For us, it feels like we're constantly climbing out of a hole, only to be shoved back down by new financial demands from the state.

What's more frustrating is seeing our hard-earned tax dollars used for ODOT projects that often seem disconnected from the real, urgent needs of everyday Oregonians. Instead of easing congestion, repairing dangerous roads, or improving access in underserved areas, many of these initiatives appear to offer little return for the people actually footing the bill.

We need smarter, more compassionate policy—not another layer of financial pressure. Please consider the impact these decisions have on real families, and prioritize affordability, accountability, and transparency in transportation planning.

Respectfully,
A Concerned Oregonian and Parent