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I'm here to testify the increases in taxes proposed are going to destroy the economy of Oregon, I don't know if you've been looking around, everyone is struggling harder and harder because of overregulation and extremely high taxes, report after report has shown the Oregon legislation, there are ideas and over-regulation, have destroyed the economy Oregon. This is the worst time to raise such a tax increase, Like my of my fellow Oregonians, I find myself having to travel two hours in one direction to get medical care, there is 0 public transportation that meets my timeline and schedule. And all reports show bus, ridership has failed in Oregon, The actions in Salem or hurting, farmers, small business, local business, please stop saying you support small businesses and the same breath. You say shop local, but your actions destroy these businesses, but the overregulation and higher taxes. Constantly.

I just like all the other contractors that are licensed in the state of Oregon, you're penalizing ALL us, because there's not an alternative complete the fuel efficient vehicle that can handle heavy loads during daily demands of service contractors, the gas tax is Penalizing every tradesman, we will end up raising our prices again, and again to absorb the state's excessive taxation and regulations..

So now you're penalizing all my clients and all other tradesmen's clients, right now, you should create a budget that is very streamlined and bare minimum without any bike lanes, or additional bus routes, when there's zero return on investment right now..

These excessive tax increases totally are

Penalizing people for driving gas or diesel vehicles. It's shameful, especially when it's known. There's no other alternative it's daily heavy duty vehicle.. There are 0 electric vehicles. That can handle heavy loads on a daily basis. Wake up stop overtaxing Oregonians, make it fair. If you own an electric vehicle, you should pay at least \$1000 a year. Or more to match the gas tax. Totally penalizing a poor person, driving a fifteen to twenty year old vehicle, which is the average in the state, you're forcing everyone to fork out more money into Odor, without appropriations of where the money is going or any mechanism to hold Odor accountable, instead, you put the burden on every Oregonian, to shovel out more money to a system that's broken with very limited positive results.

Bottom line force yourself to decrease taxation, in Oregon, stop putting the burden for government blunders and mismanagement on all the Oregonians.

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