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House Republicans respond to attempt by House Democrats to hijack transportation package

Salem, Ore. - On Saturday, July 1, [16 House Democrats sent a letter to House Speaker Tina Kotek](#) suggesting they would consider attempting to derail bipartisan efforts to pass a transportation package unless lawmakers passed additional taxes. The letter was remarkably similar to a [widely panned threat issued by SEIU](#) in June, and a letter [sent by House Democrats to Governor Kate Brown](#) in 2015, which ultimately led to a breakdown in transportation negotiations during that session.

House Republicans responded to the latest threat with the following statement:

“It’s very disconcerting to me that at the eleventh hour, a group of House Democrats would threaten to derail the bipartisan transportation package because they did not get their way on a completely separate tax issue,” said House Republican Leader Mike McLane (R-Powell Butte). “This misguided negotiating tactic is unacceptable.”

The transportation package could be voted on in the Oregon House as soon as Wednesday. Lawmakers have only a few days left to complete their work before the Legislature is constitutionally required to adjourn on July 10.

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