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**DEMOCRAT PLAN SNUBS OREGONIANS' CALL  
FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY**

**SALEM, Ore.** – Today, **House Republicans** released the following statement in response to House and Senate Democrats' draft proposal to make Oregonians pay billions more in taxes for ODOT's failures:

"The Democrats' tone-deaf proposal throws more money at a system that has repeatedly failed to recognize that its core mission is to provide safe and reliable roads and bridges," said **House Republican Leader Christine Drazan (R-Canby)**. "A dozen new taxes and fees is a slap in the face to all Oregonians that simply can't afford to pay more for less."

"Since the beginning of this session, House Republicans have pressed ODOT on budgeting errors, incomplete projects, and mishandling of tax dollars," said **Rep. Shelly Boshart Davis (R-Albany), Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation**. "It's shocking that in spite of Oregonians' resounding rejection of the tire tax proposal, Democrats are doubling down on this tax at a time when families are already struggling to make ends meet."

A recent poll commissioned by House Republicans found that **80% of Oregonians oppose increasing the Gas Tax** while **79% of Oregonians favor cutting taxes** to make Oregon more affordable. The same poll showed that Oregonians see the **cost of living as the top issue** they face with **56% of Oregonians saying that taxes are too high**. The statewide poll was conducted by Public Opinion Strategies between January 4–7th of this year and surveyed 500 registered Oregon voters with a  $\pm 4.38\%$  margin of error.

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