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The Honorable Lee Beyer, Co-Chair
Joint Transportation Committee
Via email

Dear: Senator Beyer,

On behalf of United Airlines and our 250 employees in the State, we are in strong opposition to Oregon House Bill 2402 which would lift the sunset on the recent jet fuel tax increase and make the increase and distributions of increased revenue permanent.

Currently, United has 46 daily departures in Oregon. We are an intensely fuel-sensitive industry and any additional costs are detrimental to our ability to reinvest into other areas of our business. We are opposed to any increase in the state jet fuel tax beyond what is in place today. The Pacific Northwest region, and Oregon in particular, is a very important market to United and our business operations. The increased tax burden could have a negative impact on our ability to expand commercial service in the State of Oregon now and in the years to come.

I am available to answer any questions you have on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melinda Yee Franklin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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