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The Honorable Lee Beyer
Co-Chair, Joint Transportation Committee
State Capitol
900 Court St. NE, S-411
Salem, Oregon 97301

The Honorable Caddy McKeown
Co-Chair, Joint Transportation Committee
State Capitol
900 Court St. NE, H-476
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Committee Co-Chairs:

Southwest Airlines respectfully opposes House Bill 4036 as drafted, filed in the 2020 legislative session by the Joint Transportation Committee. Additionally, we support eliminating the 2022 sunset and retaining the existing tax without an additional increase. We believe that increasing the jet fuel tax could hurt an airlines' capacity to expand commercial air service in Oregon. The proposal strains an already intensely fuel-sensitive industry, making operating at Oregon airports more expensive, and increasing the cost burden on airlines and their customers.

Southwest Airlines is proud to serve Portland International Airport with 44 daily departures to 17 cities throughout the country, and connections to our network of national and international destinations. We began service in Portland on June 1994, and employ over 230 full-time employees. We contribute positively to the community and state through direct economic investments, jobs creation, chamber memberships, and community partnerships.

We appreciate consideration of our views, and urge rejection of the proposed legislation as drafted.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ruben Zaragoza". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Ruben Zaragoza

Copy: Members of the Joint Transportation Committee