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Members of the Committee,

I am submitting testimony here today because I cannot sit back and watch this bill move forward without saying something.

This proposal would hammer working people with higher gas taxes, massive hikes in title and registration fees, and even double what's already being taken out of our paychecks. Families are stretched to the breaking point right now. They're choosing between filling the tank or filling the fridge—and this bill makes that burden worse, and what makes that worse is that you either know this and do not care, or you actually do not understand and it shows how far removed you are, both options are horrifying to say the least.

But the most outrageous part isn't even the money. It's the power grab. This bill hands unelected bureaucrats the authority to raise gas taxes whenever they want, without a single vote of the Legislature. That's taxation without representation, plain and simple (Didn't we go through this with already, I believe it was with the British). It silences the very people you were elected to serve. Remember the pheasants who put you in office.

I'm asking you to stop this before it does real damage, your state is already beyond damaged, this should matter to you even in your high castles. Protect the people you represent. Keep taxing decisions in the hands of elected officials where they belong. And above all—reject this bill.

Thank you.