Submitter: Kempkes Shawn

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation

Funding

Measure, Appointment or

Topic:

LC 2

am writing to tell you in no uncertain terms: Oregonians cannot and will not tolerate another round of taxes. The very idea of raising taxes during a special session shows how disconnected Salem has become from the struggles of everyday people.

We are dealing with record inflation, crushing housing costs, and skyrocketing bills. Families are cutting corners just to survive, yet state leadership continues to circle back to the same tired "solution" — take more money from taxpayers. That is not leadership, that is laziness.

Before you demand another penny, cut the bloated programs, trim the waste, and prove that government can live within its means like the rest of us are forced to. Taxpayers are not your personal piggy bank.

If you move forward with new taxes, understand this: voters are watching. There will be consequences at the ballot box for anyone who thinks it's acceptable to pile more financial burdens on struggling Oregonians. People are angry, and they are ready to hold their leaders accountable.

The choice is yours — stand with working Oregonians or push them further into the ground.