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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation
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Dear Honorable Members of the Oregon Legislature,

My name is Kim Harroun, and I am a resident of Aumsville, Oregon. I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed transportation tax bill.

As a member of this community for over 30 years and a small business owner, I understand the importance of a well-maintained transportation infrastructure. However, I strongly believe that this bill, in its current form, will place an undue burden on Oregon families who are already struggling with the rising cost of living.

Our family, like many others in our state, is already stretched thin financially. The implementation of additional taxes and fees would make daily life even more challenging and potentially unaffordable for many Oregonians. We have had to tighten our belts and make difficult financial decisions; it's time for our state agencies, including ODOT, to do the same.

I respectfully urge ODOT to refocus its spending priorities. The primary focus should be on keeping Oregonians safe on the road and maintaining our existing infrastructure, rather than expanding projects that may not be essential at this time. There must be alternatives that don't financially punish hardworking Oregonians who are already doing their best to make ends meet.

Furthermore, I am concerned about the apparent mismanagement of funds within our state. It is crucial that our government agencies, including ODOT, take a hard look at their spending practices and find ways to operate more efficiently. The solution to budget shortfalls should not be to continually increase the financial burden on citizens.

As a business owner in the healthcare industry, I understand the importance of fiscal responsibility and efficient resource allocation. I believe these principles should also apply to our state agencies. Please consider alternatives that focus on better management of existing resources rather than imposing new financial burdens on Oregon families and businesses.

In conclusion, I strongly oppose this transportation tax bill. I urge you to reject this proposal and instead work on solutions that prioritize the financial well-being of Oregon citizens while still maintaining our crucial infrastructure. Let's find a balanced

approach that doesn't compromise the quality of life for the very people this bill is supposed to serve.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kim Harroun
Aumsville, Oregon