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On Behalf Of:
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To Whom it May Concern:

I'm a lifelong Oregonian and resident of Lane County. This transportation tax bill is deeply concerning.

Families like mine are already stretched thin. The elderly can barely make ends meet. Many Oregonians are in fear of potential Medicaid cuts and cuts to SNAP benefits, yet, ODOT thinks this is the time to demand a larger budget at the expense of Oregonians.

Any additional taxes and fees would make daily life more unaffordable for many that are already pinching every penny. Like my family has had to, ODOT must also tighten its belt. Some line-items may not be able to be funded for this coming year. If certain positions are no longer needed, it's not taxpayer responsibility to continue to fund said positions. ODOT needs to be transparent about past spending and be held accountable for mismanagement of funds before consideration is given to increasing their budget.

I urge you to consider alternatives that don't financially punish Oregonians.

Thank you for your time.

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