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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation

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Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Joint Interim Committee on Transportation Funding:

I urge you to vote No on this legislation. There is little in it that serves the public interest. The Governor's appointment of the ODOT Director would further politicize an agency that already struggles with public trust. Even more concerning, the proposal to hand fuel and weight-mile tax assessment to unelected bureaucrats strips taxpayers of accountability and transparency.

Instead, I encourage you to consider Co-Vice Chair Drazan's proposal to rein in ODOT spending by reallocating resources toward programs and services that directly benefit voters. ODOT has become a political tool, drifting from its mission of serving the driving public and leaving its own employees caught in the middle of a political agenda that does not advance the public good.

Oregonians deserve a transportation system built on accountability, transparency, and common-sense priorities. Please reject this bill and work toward solutions that restore trust and deliver real value to our communities.

Respectfully, Steve Loosley