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On Behalf Of:

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Funding

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My name is Christie Montero, and I am a licensed insurance agent specializing in commercial lines for trucking and logging companies in Oregon. I am writing to express my strong support for LC2, the transportation funding package.

Oregon's trucking industry is vital to our state's economy. Every day, trucks move goods that Oregonians rely on, from groceries to building materials. A strong and reliable transportation system is essential for safety, efficiency, and economic growth.

LC2 is important because it provides the funding necessary to keep ODOT operating and prevent layoffs, ensures the maintenance of our highways, and modernizes the state's trucking taxation system. The current weight-mile tax methodology is outdated and overly complex, resulting in unfair overpayments by many trucking companies. This bill simplifies the system, increases fairness and transparency, and brings the taxation structure into the 21st century.

As someone who works closely with trucking businesses, I see firsthand how a modern, equitable taxation system can reduce administrative burden and allow companies to focus on safe and efficient operations. This package benefits not only the trucking industry but all Oregonians who rely on safe, functional roads.

I respectfully urge you to support and pass LC2. Doing so will create a more equitable system for trucking, maintain essential infrastructure, and strengthen Oregon's economy.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.