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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation
Funding

Measure, Appointment or
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Dear Committee- I am writing in opposition to the funding increases to ODOT through the many avenues such as increased gas taxes, payroll taxes and registration fees. As a rural Oregonian, we are hardest hit by these increases. I am also opposed to the details of this bill draft that allow for future gas tax increases without coming back to the legislators.

We are not able to continue to bail out ODOT. The Republican plan needs to be considered. There should be plenty of money to do the essential maintenance and safety of our roads etc. if the waste is cut. Threatening us that jobs will be lost in the very essential duties of ODOT is a slap in the face to hard-working Oregonians. Yes, get rid of departments or jobs that don't support the essentials, but don't sacrifice our safety!

The only thing that I can support of the draft I saw was to audit ODOT more often. I believe that an independent audit is needed ASAP. This bill is messy, and costs taxpayers too much!

Please vote no on this increase to our taxes.