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On Behalf Of:

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Dear Committee Members:

I think the legislature understood that the public is tired. This is why the transportation bill did not pass the first time around. More and more taxes keep getting piled on. Every fee is also a tax. What the people are not seeing is a requirement for ODOT to reduce unnecessary staff (and there are a lot of unnecessary office staff) and effectively manage their projects. I had 12 ODOT employees on emails and working on the same new street intersection connection to an ODOT facility. Only one competent engineer is all that was needed. The waste is rampant in this department. They need to be held accountable before asking the public for more money. It's the same threats every time..won't be able to fix potholes, plow roads, etc... Threaten to lay off the people that actually get the work done in the field. We are so tired of the veiled threats from ODOT. Fix ODOT first.

Next, figure out a way to tax those who don't buy gas to make up the supposed shortfall due to the conversion to electric vehicles. They aren't paying their fair share and that needs to be dealt with. An extra \$30 fee is not going to do that and its a slap in the face to everyone else covering for them.

Sincerely,

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