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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation
Funding

Measure, Appointment or
Topic: LC 2

Dear Members of the Committee,

I write to you in strong opposition to this tax hike both as an individual and as the leader of a company with hourly employees. In the last five years, the cost of living in Oregon has risen over 25%. The State's hourly workers are some of most vulnerable among us, and an increase in the gas tax will affect them disproportionately. As an organization, we are cutting hours for staff due to weak demand. Next month, we believe we need to begin layoffs. Raising taxes in a state that is already overburdened with one of the nation's highest income tax rates will result in more hardship for all Oregonians.

I strongly urge you to say no to this tax.

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