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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation  
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Perfect — thanks for sharing the details. What you're describing is the Oregon Governor's transportation funding package being fast-tracked in the special session.

Here's a strong, customizable draft you can use as written testimony, an email to legislators, or even adapted for an op-ed. I'll write it in a way that's persuasive, clear, and professional, while keeping the tone accessible.

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#### Draft Opposition Testimony

To: Members of the Special Session Committee on Transportation Funding  
From: Wayne Brust  
Date: August 25, 2025  
Re: Opposition to the Governor's Transportation Funding Proposal

Dear, Members of the Committee,

I am writing to urge you to reject the Governor's transportation funding proposal being considered in this special session. While I agree that Oregon's roads and bridges need long-term investment, this plan goes too far, too fast, and in the wrong direction.

#### 1. Unfair Tax Burden on Families.

The proposal would sharply increase gas taxes, registration fees, and title costs—costs that fall heaviest on working families, rural communities, and small businesses. At a time when Oregonians are already struggling with record housing, food, and utility prices, adding hundreds of dollars a year in new vehicle costs is simply not sustainable.

#### 2. Payroll Tax Hike Without Safeguards.

Doubling the amount taken directly out of workers' paychecks is a major financial blow to employees who have no choice in the matter. This kind of tax increase should never be rushed through in a special session without broad public input.

### 3. Erosion of Legislative Oversight.

Perhaps most concerning is the proposal to hand taxing authority from the elected Legislature to unelected bureaucrats. This undermines accountability, transparency, and the balance of power. If gas taxes can be raised without a single vote from elected representatives, Oregon taxpayers will have lost one of their most important safeguards.

Oregonians want safe, well-maintained roads—but they also want fairness, transparency, and accountability in how those roads are funded. The Governor's proposal misses the mark. I urge you to reject this package and return to the table to develop a plan that invests in infrastructure without crushing working families or eroding legislative authority.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
Wayne Brust]  
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