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To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a deeply concerned Oregonian and member of the working class who is already struggling to make ends meet. The proposed transportation bill and the special session to push through increased taxes and fees — including the shocking 100% payroll tax hike, higher vehicle registration fees, and other new burdens — are simply unsustainable for average Oregonians.

We are not bottomless wallets. Many of us are barely scraping by as it is. The continued pressure on working families, small businesses, and rural communities is reckless and disheartening. Raising taxes to fund agencies like ODOT, without demanding greater accountability or restructuring bloated inefficiencies, only deepens distrust in our leadership.

These measures will not only hurt individuals — they will devastate small farms, local contractors, self-employed workers, and family-owned businesses that form the backbone of Oregon's economy and culture. We already face high inflation, rising housing costs, and utility rate hikes. Enough is enough.

Please do not support any legislation that further burdens the people of Oregon with more taxes and fees. We need relief, not more pressure. Prioritize transparency, reduce wasteful spending, and find alternative solutions that don't break the backs of those keeping this state running.

We love Oregon. We want to stay here. But continuing down this path will push more hardworking families out of the state.

Sincerely,  
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