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Public Testimony: Transportation Bill
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Dear State Legislators

My name is Jerry Quigg, and I am a citizen-voter residing in Salem.

I am writing to advocate for further revisions to the governor's 'Transportation Bill.' I am grateful Governor Kotek has modified the original plan. But I believe it must go further to eliminate barriers for current owners AND potential owners of fuel efficient, environmentally friendly cars.

As it stands, those of us who own hybrid and plug-in hybrid cars are subject to:

- The proposed increase in gas tax from 40 to 46 cents per gallon.
- Increased for registration (\$42) and titling fees (\$142),
plus an additional \$30 for a vehicle that 'does not pay gas taxes.'
- The governor's bill proposes an additional fee for **any** gasoline fueled vehicle that averages over 40 mpg!

I also disagree with the clause to require enrollment in OReGO. This assesses an additional cost every two or four years, **plus** 'annual miles driven fee' to compensate the loss of gas tax revenues.

These additional costs to sustainable-minded Oregonians run contrary to goals to reduce the carbon footprint by becoming less reliant on fossil fuels. Governor Kotek and Legislators, please do better!

Respectfully,
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