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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation
Funding

Measure, Appointment or
Topic: LC 2

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature and ODOT Representatives,
My name is Noel Beeler, and I am a disabled mother living in Oregon. I am writing this testimony to strongly oppose any proposed tax increases to fund ODOT projects. As someone who relies on a fixed disability income, I already face immense financial challenges that make it difficult to provide for my family. A staggering 60% of my monthly income goes toward rent because I'm not on section 8. The rest disability-related expenses, including medical care, assistive devices, and therapies that are essential for my daily functioning and well-being.

Raising taxes—whether through vehicle fees, gas taxes, or other mechanisms—would impose an unbearable hardship on low-income families like mine. Every additional dollar taken from my budget means choosing between paying for groceries, utilities, or my children's need, medications, treatments. My family shouldn't have to sacrifice basic necessities because of yet another tax hike that disproportionately affects those who can least afford it. Oregon's roads and infrastructure are important, but solutions must not come at the expense of vulnerable residents already struggling to make ends meet.

I urge you to explore alternative funding sources, such as the reserved money or efficiencies within ODOT, rather than burdening disabled individuals and families with higher costs. Please vote no on any tax increase proposals.

Thank you for considering my voice.

Sincerely,

Noel Beeler

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