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Testimony in Opposition to Proposed Transportation Tax Increases

My name is Christina Schloegl, and I live in Grants Pass. I'm writing to oppose the proposed transportation package that would raise gas taxes, vehicle registration fees, and title costs, while also creating new taxes on electric and fuel-efficient vehicles.

For working families like mine, every dollar counts. Adding over \$180 in new fees just to own and operate a vehicle, on top of rising fuel prices, will hit us hard. The proposed doubling of the payroll tax and the new Road User Charge only add to the financial burden. It's especially concerning that this plan would give unelected bureaucrats the power to raise gas taxes without legislative approval. That's taxation without accountability.

I absolutely support safe and well-maintained roads. But instead of adding more taxes, ODOT needs to take responsibility for its own budget. The agency should prioritize its core mission; fixing potholes, plowing roads, and improving safety, before asking Oregonians to pay more.

Please reject this package and demand transparency, efficiency, and accountability from ODOT before placing more strain on families and small businesses.

I am asking you to consider other alternatives.

Thank you.