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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or LC 2  
Topic:

Please stand in opposition to this measure!

Common Oregonians oppose this transportation funding measure because it significantly increases the financial burden on everyday residents already struggling with the rising cost of living. The proposed 6-cent gas tax hike, which is most likely going to be 12-cents, along with higher vehicle registration and title fees, will directly increase the cost of driving, which is a necessity for many people to get to work, school, and essential services. Doubling the payroll tax to support public transit means workers will see less take-home pay, further straining household budgets. These tax increases come at a time when many families are already facing inflation, housing costs, and other economic pressures, making it harder to make ends meet.

And please don't blame Trump's tariffs for your monetary woes when mismanagement from Salem is the actual real problem.

Beyond the immediate financial impact, the bill does not guarantee meaningful improvements in transportation infrastructure or services. The increased taxes may not translate into new lanes, better roads, or improved bridges, but rather just maintain the status quo. This bill disproportionately affects lower- and middle-income Oregonians who rely on their vehicles daily and have fewer alternatives for commuting. I am also concerned about the lack of transparency and accountability in how the funds will be managed, especially given past cost overruns and delays in major ODOT projects. This is an unfair tax hike that will cause hardship without delivering the promised benefits.

Please oppose this measure.