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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation
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Hello,

I am writing regarding the new transportation bill.

Gas tax increase of 6¢ per gallon.

Registration fees doubling.

Title fee increase from \$139 to \$216.

Payroll tax doubling to fund urban transit.

All of these fee increases will only hurt the people you claim to represent. Which after reading this bill is lip service. We CANNOT afford what you are imposing. We deserve to vote on these proposals NOT have them shoved down our throats!

Road Usage Charge phased in for EVs & hybrids.

You want Oregonians to drive cleaner, more energy efficient vehicles but, you want to punish the same Oregonians for doing so.

Governor taking over appointment of the ODOT Director.

The Governor should NOT be the director of ODOT. This seems like a coup and power move.

Section 12. Will allow future gas taxes and truck fees to be raised WITHOUT A VOTE by unelected ODOT bureaucrats. This is ridiculous. We live in a Republic. We are supposed to have a say in what our government does. Taking away our rights to vote and undermine the process. Just more lies by the people who are supposed to represent us. Clearly you care about yourselves and your power and NOT your constituents.

Here's how it works: Every two years a study measures whether cars and trucks are "paying their fair share". If the Legislature doesn't act within 120 days, ODOT must step in and adjust fuel taxes and weight-mile rates by rule. No Vote. No Accountability to Oregonians. This is a dangerous precedent. Oregon's Constitution requires a 3/5ths vote to raise taxes. This legislative scheme sidesteps that protection.

We as THE PEOPLE have a right to vote on any tax increases. What you are proposing is unconstitutional. It is robbing every Oregonian of our rights.

I urge you to NOT pass this bill. I urge you to think of the financial hardship and burden you are putting on every Oregonian. I urge you to think of our constitution and

vote to do what is just.

Thank you.

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