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On Behalf Of:
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I am writing to express my strong opposition to any plan that includes increased taxes or fees when Oregonians are already financially stretched to continue living in this state. I strongly urge the Committee to find a path that reflects our economic times - one that shift priorities to keep the essentials needs up front and make it work when resources are tight; and one that aligns transportation funding and spending with accountability (with teeth), auditability, and visibility to the citizens. Since multiple paths at this point have been publicly offered for solutions that do NOT increase the burden on Oregon taxpayers, I urge the Committee to meld such a recommendation. The fact that we fund transportation through taxes and fees at the level we do, and cannot guarantee basic road maintenance is an issue that reflects on the legislature's oversight of state operations. Thank you.