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RE: LC 2

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to express total opposition to HB2025. Governor Tina Kotek should be listening to her peers. The Oregon Department of Transportation should be audited before any further recommendations or any further legislative actions take place. Many Oregonians will face extreme hardship with regard to their businesses if you allow this special session bill to pass. Oregonians that are in lower income brackets will suffer for this as well.

I've noticed in discussions about this bill, that the Oregon ton/weight mile taxes are not mentioned. Where is this money going? Legislators will discuss the tax at the pump, but what about all of the other funding that goes into the operations for ODOT. Taxing Oregonians through fuel and payroll taxes is not the answer. First, the legislative assembly should be requesting an independent audit for all operations within ODOT. The salaries, retirement, insurance, the whole lot.

The bottom line is simply this; taxing the citizens that live here and work here due to financial ineptitude is not the answer. You can do better.

Respectfully submitted,

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