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I am writing to sound the alarm to very unaffordable tax increases for a majority of Oregonians and Oregon Small Businesses being proposed in the LC2 Transportation funding package. Already we have a homeless crisis partially because of the lack of affordable housing. Now we are potentially punishing drivers by making exorbitant registration fee and title increases on private passenger vehicles. We have a crisis in uninsured motorists on our roads, and with these increases, this will become an even greater crisis as drivers choose to register their cars and forego auto insurance due to the costs of registrations. We have also already increased these fees multiple times for County, City and State tax increases to pay for transportation fees. In addition, we're asking businesses to double the payroll tax they pay for employees. Again, this will favor large businesses and continue to decrease efficiency and viability of small and medium sized businesses.

If the state wants to put more money into transportation, they should remove excessive regulations on businesses so they can produce more and bring in more tax dollars. They should also stop spending millions of dollars on housing and homeless programs, and make our highways and roadways viable for everyone to be productive traveling to and from work and business dealings so employees can afford to pay for their own housing.

Thank you for your time.