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Chair and Members of the Committee,

Ten years ago, we stood here debating the largest transportation tax increase in Oregon history. We were promised congestion relief, safer bridges, and repaired roads. Instead, much of that money has gone to executive hires, consultants, and climate-justice multimodal projects designed to chase federal dollars and loans — while core needs were ignored.

We've seen \$1.1 billion in reporting errors and billions more wasted over the years, with little progress on the basic mission Oregonians were promised.

Oregon doesn't have a revenue problem — it has a spending and misallocation problem. It isn't fair to come back to taxpayers again and again. This is a Washington Monument strategy — cutting visible services to pressure the public, while avoiding accountability.

At the same time, we see the special interest loop: public unions and other groups pouring money into campaigns for bigger government, while government turns around and enriches them at the expense of Oregonians. That cycle is draining taxpayers, and there is no more money to give.

Meanwhile, Oregonians lose — families, businesses, and workers — and too many are leaving our beautiful state.

I am asking you to deal with Oregonians in good faith: no new tax increases. Fix the dysfunction with the billions you've already been given, and deliver on the promises you made.

Thank you.