

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to urge you to oppose Legislative Concept 2 (LC 2). Oregon families and businesses are already stretched thin by the rising cost of living and ever-increasing taxes and fees. Rather than layering on new charges through a Road User Charge or eliminating future tolling options, the legislature should focus on using the already over-inflated budget funded by Oregon's citizens more responsibly.

State government revenue has grown significantly over the past decade, yet Oregonians continually face proposals for additional taxes, fees, and surcharges. This pattern reflects a spending problem, not a revenue problem. Before creating new systems of taxation, lawmakers should prioritize existing funds, eliminate waste, and ensure transportation dollars are spent efficiently and transparently.

The Road User Charge as outlined in LC 2 also raises concerns about fairness, privacy, and administrative costs. It risks burdening rural and working-class drivers who must travel longer distances while creating a costly bureaucracy to manage mileage tracking and enforcement. This is not a prudent or efficient way to use taxpayer money.

Oregonians deserve stability, accountability, and discipline in budgeting—not more financial experiments that shift costs onto everyday citizens. I respectfully ask that you reject LC 2 and work within the substantial budget you already have to address transportation needs.

Respectfully,
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