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On Behalf Of:

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Funding

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Honorable Committee Chair,

My name is Sivasis Panigrahi and as a concerned citizen I am writing today to voice against the proposed tax increases. We are living in uncertain times, and the proposed tax increases will strain already stressed households and low income people.

Instead of increasing taxes, I recommend that legislature find ways to increase efficiency and prioritize projects. I fully support ODOT employees. However, continuous tax increase is not the right way to fix a problem.

The proposed tax bill doubles payroll taxes, adds more to the fees for PHEV and Electric vehicles. I believe that is not warranted. Before imposing drastic taxes on the EV and Hybrid vehicles, please note the ratio of conventional vehicles to the electric/PHEV vehicles. Punishing people with taxes will only drive them away from participating in the future! An infrastructure surcharge for heavier vehicles maybe more appropriate than a road use tax or doubling titling/registration fees.

I believe a root cause process of identifying deficiencies is required to solve the issue of transportation funding.

I feel that this is a long term problem and only increasing the taxes will not help. I fear that this will be a recurring issue if root causes are not addressed.

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts and suggestions. I appreciate your time.

Sivasis Panigrahi