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I am writing today to voice my opposition to this Act, which would increase taxes and fees on Oregonians while imposing a mandatory per-mile road usage charge.

First, this measure creates yet another financial burden for families and small businesses. Oregon residents already pay high fuel taxes, registration fees, and other transportation-related costs. Adding new taxes and layering a per-mile usage charge on top of these existing obligations means Oregonians will be paying more without any guarantee of improved roads or accountability in how these funds are spent.

Second, the mandatory per-mile charge is deeply concerning. While the Act allows an annual fee in lieu of the charge, this structure unfairly penalizes drivers who rely on their vehicles for work, rural residents who must travel long distances, and families with limited transportation alternatives. It effectively creates a “tax on miles lived” that disproportionately harms those who can least afford it.

Third, while audits of ODOT are a positive step, the real issue has always been efficiency and accountability. Before demanding more money from Oregonians, the state should ensure that current transportation revenues are managed responsibly and effectively. Simply raising taxes without structural reforms will not solve the underlying problems.

Finally, tying higher costs to electric and hybrid vehicles sends the wrong message at a time when Oregon is encouraging cleaner transportation. Penalizing drivers who invest in environmentally friendly vehicles undermines our state’s climate goals and discourages innovation.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to reject this Act. Oregon should prioritize transparency, efficiency, and fairness in transportation funding—not new taxes that place heavier burdens on working families, rural residents, and those seeking to make sustainable choices.

Thank you for your time and consideration.