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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation  
Funding

Measure, Appointment or  
Topic: LC 2

Dear Representatives,

I urge you to oppose HB3402 and the Governor's Transportation Proposal. While I understand the need to invest in infrastructure, these plans impose significant new taxes and fees on Oregonians who are already struggling with rising costs of living.

- The proposed gas tax increase, higher registration and title fees, and the doubling of the transit payroll tax will place an unfair burden on working families and small businesses.

- There is no clear accountability for how these additional funds will be used. ODOT has a track record of receiving funding — such as for the Rose Quarter project in 2017 — without delivering on promises.

- Before asking Oregonians for more, we need transparency, oversight, and fiscal responsibility to ensure existing funds are used effectively.

I respectfully ask that you stand up for Oregon taxpayers and vote NO on these proposals. Let's focus on smarter budgeting and efficient use of current resources rather than passing the largest transportation-related tax increase in state history.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,  
Your private constituent  
Eugene, OR