Submitter: Kimberly Kopplien

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation

Funding

Measure, Appointment or

Topic:

LC 2

I work in Higher Education, and the budget cuts we have faced this year have already impacted my cost of living. All of my vehicles are fully gas-powered, and I pay my fair share of taxes every time I buy fuel. Adding an additional tax on top of this feels neither fair nor reasonable.

Currently, I pay approximately \$157 a year in gas tax, plus a \$68 annual registration fee—for a total of \$225.24. In comparison, hybrid owners pay only \$78, and electric vehicle owners pay just \$158. This creates a clear imbalance where gas-powered vehicle owners carry a heavier tax burden.

Raising the road tax would make this inequity worse. With grocery bills already being my largest household expense, I cannot afford another increase in costs. I urge you to reconsider this proposal, as it unfairly penalizes those of us who already contribute significantly through existing fuel taxes.