

August 26, 2025

To:

Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation Funding

Meeting Date: 8/25/2025 3:00PM

From:

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Dear Committee,

As a small business owner, I am compelled to register my concerns regarding your proposal to increase and add taxes related to roads, cars, trucks and buses.

Your proposal will adversely impact my business and all Oregon businesses. It will increase the Cost-of-Goods for every product we produce. As a result, it will cause us to increase the cost of our products to customers. We serve business and government so their costs will increase commensurately.

You propose your increases at a particularly vulnerable time. Costs in every sector are climbing. Oregon residents see their costs of living climb while their income lags. A growing number of Oregonians are forced to choose between food, shelter and healthcare. There is no single cause, there are many. What they all have in common is that combined, they all drive costs higher. Your proposal incrementally adds to the problem.

Please demonstrate the wisdom and restraint we need in our public servants. Do not heap more taxes upon an already burdened population. It's not in the best interests of our people.

Thank You,

Karl D. Hughes

President