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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation Funding

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No New Road Tax!

I am writing to formally express my opposition to the proposed road tax initiative currently under consideration. While I understand the stated intent of generating revenue for infrastructure maintenance, this policy is fundamentally flawed.

Regressive Financial Burden – A road tax disproportionately penalizes working families, commuters, and small businesses who have no practical alternatives to driving. It effectively double-charges taxpayers who already contribute through fuel taxes, registration fees, and general taxes allocated to transportation funding.

Inefficient Administration – Implementation would require costly new tracking systems, compliance monitoring, and enforcement mechanisms. Administrative overhead risks consuming a significant portion of the revenue, diminishing the net benefit.

Economic Consequences – Additional transportation costs directly increase the price of goods and services, especially in supply-chain dependent industries. This will have ripple effects on inflation, household budgets, and local competitiveness.

Equity & Fairness Issues – Rural and suburban residents, who often lack access to reliable public transit, are disproportionately impacted. This amounts to a geographic penalty rather than a fair user-fee model.

I strongly urge your office to reconsider this proposal and pursue more practical, equitable solutions for funding infrastructure—such as improved allocation of existing fuel tax revenues, prioritization of spending, or leveraging public-private partnerships for road improvements.