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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation

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Dear members of the joint interim committee on transportation funding,

I'm writing in support of the proposed transportation funding package. I can't stress the importance enough that Oregon maintains it's roadways. While I feel the state could, if it wanted to, find the funds necessary to fund transportation/ ODOT the proposed tax increases are ultimately a small price to pay if it means the state is able to maintain it's roads & bridges. ODOT has historically been stretched thin and laying off 1,000+ employees will only cost tax payers more down the line as infrastructure decays and the cost of repairs rise. This is not a good long term solution for Oregon or our wallets. The reality is, Oregonians need to pay if they want properly maintained roads, something they will quickly realize if funding doesn't happen.

Thank you for your consideration on this important legislation.