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I am writing in support of Special Session Bill LC2. Not providing funding for ODOT and other transportation agencies is penny wise and pound foolish. With cuts to maintenance, winter plowing will be minimal and will cause road closures and increased danger to travelers and truckers. Additionally, maintenance keeps the highway safe with repairs to guardrail, highway barriers and other highway structures which are constantly being damaged by traffic. Cuts are also planned to contracting which will delay projects increasing the project costs due to inflation and changes to project circumstances. Finally, cuts are being made to planners, design engineers, construction inspectors and others responsible for designing and delivering maintenance and capital projects. This will mean less ability to do the work of ODOT. These cuts, as well as those to maintenance repairs, will be filled by contractors who will cost more money than employees. This applies not just to ODOT but also to all the city and county transportation agencies across the state.