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MY OPPOSITION TO LC 2

To the members:

As you assemble in special session, perhaps the memory of citizen reaction to HB 2025 is still ringing in your ears. Frankly, pushing the largest increases in taxes in our state's history, without clear, specific, extensive and MEASURABLE SOLUTIONS is a no-go.

HB 2025 exposed what happens when a determined governor and veto-proof legislative majority run headlong into citizen opposition: 126 yes, 3 neutral, and 971 opposed; that's the tally of just the first 1000 individuals who submitted written testimony. You have no reason to assume that opinions differ with LC 2. Mine certainly don't.

I am a retiree driving a 2006 hybrid with 126,000 actual miles. I already pay \$40-60 per month just to keep my tank full.

But more to the point, Oregonians depend on the reliable flow of goods. To approve situations in which truckers can't make a living here, is to aggravate shortages and increased costs for everything and everyone. This is a very big and dark issue.

Both Willamette Week and The Oregonian make clear that with this scheme the legislature is headed over the cliff, seemingly content to take your constituents with you. It's intellectually dishonest. Lawmakers seem willing to concoct an enormous band aid that demonstrates no grasp of how to actually SOLVE THE PROBLEM. Rather, you would throw the state into a very precarious circumstance. So, keep your sticky fingers out of our wallets.

Vote NO on LC 2.

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