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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation
Funding
Measure, Appointment or Topic: LC 2

I urge you to reject LC 2.

Oregonians are already experiencing some of the steepest cost of living increases in the country. Housing, groceries, utilities, and everyday expenses continue to rise, and adding higher gas taxes, vehicle fees, and registration costs will only make it harder for families to stay afloat. Schools, local governments, and small businesses with vehicle fleets will also bear these additional costs, creating ripple effects that ultimately fall back on working taxpayers.

LC 2 also fails to provide accountability for how these new revenues will be used. There are no guarantees that the money raised will be dedicated to maintaining and repairing our existing roads, which is where the real need lies. Instead, ODOT's history shows a pattern of funneling resources into megaprojects that run billions over budget—leaving taxpayers to cover massive overruns while local roads and infrastructure continue to deteriorate.

Oregonians deserve a transportation plan that is transparent, responsible, and truly focused on maintaining the system we already have, not one that simply increases taxes and fees without meaningful reform. LC 2 is not a long-term solution—it is a short-term patch that places even more financial strain on people who are already struggling.

Please vote no on LC 2 and work toward a plan that puts accountability and maintenance first, instead of asking working Oregonians to shoulder more costs with no clear benefit.

Respectfully,
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