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

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Jacob Frisk, and I live in Portland, Oregon. I am testifying today to express my strong opposition to LC 2, which would increase the STIF payroll tax by 0.1%.

As a Portland resident who is barely managing to make ends meet, any increase in payroll deductions—even as seemingly small as 0.1%—places a real strain on my ability to afford basic necessities. My rent, utilities, and grocery bills continue to rise, and a new tax would mean making tough choices between paying for transportation or putting food on the table.

This tax increase is regressive: it disproportionately burdens working individuals who already face financial insecurity. Adding to that burden may push some to reduce work hours, forgo necessary services, or even consider leaving Oregon altogether. Rather than expanding payroll taxes, I urge the committee to explore alternative funding methods that prioritize affordability and fairness, such as reallocating existing transportation budgets or implementing funding mechanisms based on means.

While I believe in the value of public transit, it should not come at the expense of those who already struggle to live here. Please oppose LC 2 in its current form.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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