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**Joint Interim Committee on Transportation Funding**

Oregon State Legislature - Salem OR

Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong **OPPOSITION** to LC2, the Emergency Transportation spending package proposed by Governor Kotek and debated this week.

I am the owner and operator of a small business in Lane County (Feisty Wren Soap Studio-established in 2013). I work from a studio on my property and a large portion of my business involves product delivery by vehicle and transportation to events where I sell my products.

This bill has the potential to **NEGATIVELY** impact my business through increased fuel costs and vehicle registration costs. In addition, I am currently considering purchasing a delivery vehicle and passage of this bill **may impact my ability to make this purchase and grow my small business.**

As an owner of a small business I stay within my budget and don't exceed my spending ability. I expect our state agencies to do the same. ODOT should **NOT** be coming back to the taxpayers for funding, especially as we already expressed our opposition to the first bill in the 2025 regular session.

In addition I am strongly opposed to the new "per mile tax proposal". How will this affect families and small businesses? I am also strongly opposed to ODOT being granted the ability to raise our taxes even higher **WITHOUT A PUBLIC VOTE AFTER 2030.**

As a small business owner in a high tax state I cannot pay any additional tax burden and still be able to grow my business and support my family. I urge you to vote **NO** on this transportation spending package for the sake of small business in Oregon. Thank you,

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