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To the Joint Interim Committee on Transportation Funding:

I am writing in strong opposition to Legislative Concept 2 (LC2). This proposal adds yet another layer of financial burden on Oregonians—through increased gas taxes, registration fees, title fees, and payroll taxes—all while claiming to make our state more affordable. Governor Kotek herself said she’s “making sure people can afford to live in our state.” But how does hiking taxes and fees make Oregon more livable? It doesn’t. It makes it harder for working families, rural residents, and disabled Oregonians to survive.

We are not ignoring the need for safe roads and reliable infrastructure. We are demanding responsible budgeting. Even the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has publicly acknowledged that funds can be reallocated. So why are we being asked to pay more instead of seeing smarter use of the billions already collected?

LC2 is not a solution—it’s a symptom of broken budgeting. The proposal would raise over \$5.8 billion in new revenue over 10 years, yet fails to address the root causes of mismanagement. It punishes citizens for past mistakes instead of correcting them. That’s not leadership. That’s deflection.

I oppose all new taxes and fees. Oregon families are already stretched thin. We are dealing with rising housing costs, healthcare gaps, and economic uncertainty. Adding more financial pressure will only deepen the damage—especially in rural and underserved communities.

Instead of squeezing citizens, I urge you to:

- Rebudget existing transportation funds with full transparency.
- Audit ODOT and other agencies for efficiency and accountability.
- Prioritize essential maintenance without expanding bureaucracy.
- Protect vulnerable populations from regressive fees and taxes.
- Invest in long-term sustainability through innovation, not extraction.

Stop the madness. Oregon doesn’t need more burdens—we need better leadership. LC2 is not the answer. Reject this proposal and start listening to the people you serve.

Respectfully,

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