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On Behalf Of: Expand Northwest

Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation

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I am the Director of Operations at a 501c3 organization in Oregon called Expand Northwest. Our staff and members are located throughout the state of Oregon. We drive many miles each year to personal meetings with them. As a nonprofit, our funds are always very tight every year. Increased payroll taxes and gas taxes would be a great hardship for us, and it would demand that we cut services to our members and lay off staff members. Please do not inflict harmful increased taxes on small organizations that need to use Oregon roads and pay employees. Our survival requires a predicable tax cost to maintain our thin budgets.