

I am writing to our leaders to oppose bill LC2. The effects and consequences of these added expenses would be disastrous and devastating for working families in Oregon. As a local business owner it would also significantly affect us. At a time when it is increasingly hard to justify keeping doors open and more difficult to pay bills at the end of the month it feels insulting and demoralizing that our state leaders would view the residents of this state as open checkbooks rather than constituents that deserve representation. This bill ironically seems to be set on punishing users of electric and more fuel efficient vehicles as well as businesses who need to transport their goods and services to their customers. During the last few years, residents have seen the costs of living skyrocket under inflation, tariffs, and stagnant wages. These new(and other) taxes have just as much impact on our daily lives here as other rises in groceries, rent, insurance. It is time for the state to be accountable and transparent before coming to ask for new funding from citizens. Working families and local businesses are forced to look at their budgets every month and make difficult decisions. There is no reason why local and state governments should have it any different. The local and state governments can no longer simply ignore the consequences of mismanagement and squandering of tax payer money while expecting the population to bail them out. Every single dollar and cent of taxpayer money needs to be fully justified before being spent.