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On Behalf Of:

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Testimony Opposing the Transportation Funding Bill

Members of the Legislature,

I stand in strong opposition to this bill. ODOT's repeated mismanagement should not fall back on the taxpayers of Oregon yet again. Instead of accountability and reform, this proposal demands more from families and workers who are already struggling with the highest cost-of-living in our state's history.

This plan raises gas prices by 6 cents per gallon immediately and creates a new per-mile tax that punishes drivers for every trip they take. After 2030, ODOT will even gain the power to raise gas taxes without a public vote. Meanwhile, road maintenance remains underfunded, and costly projects continue without meaningful oversight.

We already give ODOT billions. Reallocate the money we provide before demanding more from us. This is the largest tax increase in Oregon history, and it comes at the worst possible time.

On behalf of the citizens of Oregon, I urge you to reject this bill. We need accountability and fiscal responsibility—not another taxpayer bailout.
Respectfully,

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