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Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation  
Funding  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: LC 2

Dear Committee Members,

Let me be blunt: this proposal is ridiculous.

LC2 gives unelected bureaucrats the ability to raise taxes without voter approval. You're handing ODOT — the same agency with bloated salaries and a long track record of delays and budget overruns — a blank check, and expecting Oregonians to believe it's for "maintenance and operations."

Here's a thought: try using the money you already have for maintenance and operations before demanding more from us.

This isn't about improving roads. It's about protecting a broken system that keeps growing at the top while asking everyday people to cover the gap. From the gas tax hike, to a per-mile tracking scheme, to higher fees across the board — this is nothing more than a shakedown disguised as a transportation plan.

You don't need more money. You need to reallocate what you already have — away from administrative expansion and back toward actual infrastructure.

Raising taxes right now, in this economy, is a slap in the face to working families, small businesses, and anyone trying to make ends meet. It's also politically tone-deaf — and if you think people aren't paying attention, you're wrong.

Vote no on LC2. Scrap the whole thing. And next time, come back with something that respects both our intelligence and our wallets.