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

Good afternoon,

My name is Dean Suhr, Author and Chief Petitioner for IP-31, the Vote Before Tolls Initiative for the November 2026 ballot. IP-31 is a grassroots citizen-driven effort with excellent traction. And while the tolling "duck and cover" show is underway with regard to our roadways, do note that Vote Before Tolls applies to tolls on the Interstate Bridge replacement as well.

We believe tolls are still coming. LC2 does not abolish tolls, Sections 54-57 just makes them not mandatory, LC-2 only lets ODOT off the hook for HB2017's Salem-driven mandates to launch tolling.

We are not slowing or stopping our efforts on the hope that LC2 prevents tolling.

We need (and demand) accountability, transparency, and improved efficiencies in ODOT and elsewhere with our state government's spending.

VOTE BEFORE has real teeth. Your constituents are watching. And with IP-31, the VoTe Before Toll initiative they are demanding accountability, transparency and efficiency.,

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Sections 1, 5, & 9 of LC2 should be revised to require a member of the general public on the two audit and the efficiency committees. All committee discussions should be required to be public and transparent. And Section 10 should be removed - keep the audits of ODOT management required by Section 9 until they get their accountability and efficiencies up.

The JCT, by beefing up the audit and efficiency aspects of LC 2, will make ODOT a better steward of our money, and improve statewide transportation.