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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

My name is Mike Herron from Sheridan, Oregon, and I submit my strong opposition to HB 2025. This bill is a tax nightmare, and it will crush hardworking Oregon families like mine.

It proposes a 37.5% gas tax increase, adds \$70 or more to title fees, \$50 or more to registration, and hikes driver's license fees by up to 270%. That's outrageous. And tying the gas tax to inflation means these costs will rise automatically every single year—no matter what.

Oregon is already unaffordable for many of us. People AND businesses are leaving the state! We are struggling to pay rent, buy groceries, and keep up with basic expenses. This bill will only make that worse.

Meanwhile, we're being asked to fund empty buses and bike lanes that 95% of us never use, while we sit in traffic and stretch every dollar.

HB 2025 isn't about transportation—it's about making it harder for working people to live here. I urge you: please reject this bill and protect the Oregonians who are just trying to get by.

Thank you.