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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

To Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chairs, and Members of the Committee

I'm writing today to voice my strong opposition to HB 2025.

Oregonians are already feeling the weight of inflation, rising housing costs, higher grocery bills, and everyday expenses that just keep climbing. This bill piles on even more financial pressure at a time when many families are just trying to keep their heads above water. It's frustrating and disheartening to see legislation that seems so out of step with the economic reality so many of us are facing.

One piece that stands out is how this bill targets drivers—especially those using electric, hybrid, and plug-in hybrid vehicles for work. Delivery drivers, gig workers, and others who rely on their vehicles for side income or full-time paychecks would be hit with a per-mile charge or a steep flat fee. These aren't people with money to burn. These are folks doing what they can to get by in an expensive world.

But it's not just them. This bill would affect thousands of everyday Oregonians—working parents, retirees on fixed incomes, young people trying to get a foothold in life. It sends the message that no matter how hard you work or how careful you are with your budget, there's always another fee or tax coming your way.

At some point, we need to ask: when do regular people get a break? When does the burden stop falling on the very people who can least afford it?

I urge you to vote no on HB 2025. This isn't the kind of leadership Oregonians need right now.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Schurter