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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Testimony Opposing Oregon HB2025

Dear Oregon Legislature,

I'm against HB2025 because it adds 11 new taxes, like a huge gas tax increase (40 to 55 cents a gallon by 2028), a higher transit payroll tax, and new car taxes. These hit us too hard when we're already struggling.

Everything in Oregon costs more now. Families need \$9,000 extra a year just to live like in 2019. Electric bills are up 30% since 2020, with more increases coming. Some pay \$500 a month just for power. Over 20,000 homes got cut off last year because they couldn't afford it. Lots of people are leaving Oregon—it's just too expensive to stay.

These new taxes make things worse. The state needs to cut wasteful spending, end unnecessary programs, and trim useless bureaucracy instead of taxing us more.

Please vote no on HB2025 and find better ways to fund roads without hurting us.

Thank you,

Irine Allen