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On Behalf Of: Taxpayers
Committee: Joint Special Session Committee On Transportation
Funding
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3991

Dear Representatives and Senators

I am writing to express my firm and unequivocal opposition to Governor Tina Kotek's proposed transportation funding bill, currently known as HB 3991. This proposal is fiscally reckless, politically indefensible, and a direct affront to democratic principles. The bill seeks to raise an estimated \$5.7 billion over the next decade through a series of aggressive tax and fee hikes. Under current Oregon legislative leadership, they are breaking the Oregon taxpayer!

I am afraid the measures in HB 3991 are being pushed through in this special session and constituent opposition is falling on deaf ears, and worse, the bill includes provisions that delegate taxing authority to unelected bureaucrats, bypassing voter approval entirely. This is a dangerous erosion of representative government and sets a precedent that undermines public trust.

What makes this proposal even more egregious is that while the Governor claims Oregon cannot afford to maintain basic road safety infrastructure—threatening to lay off nearly 500 ODOT workers and close 12 maintenance stations—she continues to authorize funding for discretionary projects. It is unacceptable to prioritize them over the essential public safety needs of all Oregonians. Our roads, bridges, and emergency response systems are deteriorating, and the state's budget priorities must reflect the urgency of these core services.

Governor Kotek's plan fails to consider alternative solutions such as reprioritizing existing funds, implementing cost-saving reforms, or ensuring accountability for past budget overruns. Instead, it places the burden squarely on taxpayers—many of whom are already struggling with rising costs, mainly due to the ineffective leadership in our state.

I urge you to reject this proposal in its entirety. Stand up for fiscal accountability, democratic integrity, and the rights of your constituents. Oregon deserves a transportation plan that is transparent, equitable, and voter-approved—not one that is rushed through under the guise of urgency and built on the backs of working families.

Thank you for your continued service and dedication to the people of Oregon. Please be reminded all congressional assembly members are to serve the constituent not special interest or the unions.

Sincerely,

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Pissed off Taxpayer!