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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Session Committee On Transportation  
Funding

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3991

To the Members of the Oregon Legislature:

I respectfully urge you to oppose HB 3991, which proposes increases to vehicle registration and titling fees, gas taxes, and road usage charges for electric vehicles. These changes place an unfair burden on everyday Oregonians—especially those already struggling to make ends meet.

We are living in a time of rising costs across the board: housing, groceries, utilities, and healthcare. For many families, transportation is not a luxury—it's a necessity. Increasing fees and taxes on vehicles and fuel will hit rural communities, working parents, and seniors especially hard. These are the people who rely on their cars to get to work, school, medical appointments, and to care for loved ones.

Oregonians are expected to live within their means. We budget, we sacrifice, and we stretch every dollar. We expect our government to do the same. Before asking residents to pay more, I urge you to explore existing funding sources, conduct performance audits, and ensure current transportation dollars are being used efficiently and transparently.

There are other ways to fund infrastructure improvements without disproportionately impacting low- and middle-income households. Let's prioritize fiscal responsibility and equity. Let's invest in Oregon's future without compromising the stability of its people.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,  
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