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

To the Oregon Legislature:

I strongly oppose HB 3991.

Oregonians are already burdened by a growing stack of taxes and fees that make it harder to live, work, and raise families in this state. We already pay some of the highest income taxes in the country, steep property taxes, and a gas tax that's among the highest on the West Coast. Now HB 3991 proposes even more: increased vehicle registration and title fees, higher gas taxes, and new road usage charges for electric and hybrid vehicles.

These are not minor adjustments—they're additional costs that hit everyday residents while failing to address the deeper issue: how our existing transportation dollars are being spent.

Governor Tina Kotek herself said the goal is "making sure people can afford to live in our state." But how does HB 3991 make Oregon more affordable? I haven't heard a single person who can answer that. This bill adds financial pressure to families already stretched thin. It contradicts the very promise of affordability and fairness. Before asking Oregonians to pay more, the state should rebudget—just like regular Oregonians do when times are tight. We cut back, reprioritize, and make hard choices. We expect our government to do the same. HB 3991 does not reflect that discipline. It reflects a pattern of passing the buck to taxpayers instead of demanding accountability from agencies like ODOT, which has faced widespread public distrust over its spending practices.

We need audits, transparency, and smarter budgeting—not another round of taxes and fees that make basic mobility feel like a luxury.

Please vote no on HB 3991. Oregonians deserve better than another tax hike disguised as a solution.

Respectfully,  
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