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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Session Committee On Transportation  
Funding

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3991

Chair and Members of the Committee,

I urge you to vote NO on HB 3991.

Before raising taxes yet again, the State of Oregon must first be accountable for how it manages the money it already collects. ODOT itself has admitted to staggering shortfalls—over a billion dollars in funds unaccounted for or wasted—and still has not demonstrated that it can manage its existing budget responsibly. Core maintenance, like repairing rural roads that have gone untouched for decades, is left undone while new fees and mandates are piled on taxpayers.

Instead of fixing this mismanagement, HB 3991 would raise the gas tax, increase vehicle fees, double the wage tax, and create new per-mile charges. These measures punish the very people who are already paying the bills, while businesses and families are leaving Oregon due to high costs and poor governance. At the same time, the state is losing revenue because of policy decisions—like sanctuary status—that were never approved by voters but still create ongoing budget shortfalls.

The government should clean up its own act before demanding more from working Oregonians. Accountability and reform must come first. Please vote NO on HB 3991.

Thank you.