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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Session Committee On Transportation

Funding

Measure, Appointment or

Topic:

HB3992

Chair and Members of the Committee,

I urge you to vote No on HB 3992.

Before redirecting General Fund dollars behind closed doors, Oregon must demonstrate accountability for existing spending. This bill shifts allocations to the Emergency Board and bypasses normal review procedures via its emergency declaration. While flexible spending can be necessary in true emergencies, it risks rubber-stamping misuse without proper transparency.

Meanwhile, communities like mine face neglected roads, bound by rigid budgets that leave no room for common-sense maintenance. Meanwhile, the Governor's unchecked policy priorities—some never put to a public vote—leave once-solid funding sources slipping away. We see roads unkempt, services stretched thin, and local governments powerless to respond.

Before approving measures that effectively move money off the radar, lawmakers should demand audits and clear, public justifications for every redirected dollar—not just in tone, but in actual accounting.

Please vote NO on HB 3992.

Thank you.