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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Session Committee On Transportation
Funding

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3991

To the Oregon State Legislature, My name is Laura, a 75-year-old retiree on a fixed income, caring for a disabled senior in my home. House Bill 3991's tax hikes-6 cents more per gallon of gas, \$42 extra for vehicle registration, and a \$139 jump in title fees-are a heavy burden. I'm pinching pennies to afford groceries and medical supplies. These increases could push people like me out of Oregon, leaving fewer of Retrospective to pay taxes. The state's swimming in money-a \$37 billion budget this biennium, bigger than ever, plus \$1 billion a year from marijuana sales. Yet, Governor Kotek's pushing transportation policies that raise gas prices while ODOT's mismanaging funds. They're \$350 million in debt, wasting cash on fancy programs instead of roads. And funding free medical insurance for undocumented immigrants? It stretches our budget thin while bridges crumble. I see waste everywhere-untracked millions for homelessness, questionable hires like the governor's wife's \$149,000 gig. Use the existing budget to fix our infrastructure, not tax us more. Please, reject HB 3991 and stop wasting our hard-earned money. Sincerely, Laura