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

Dear Representatives of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the proposed transportation bill that seeks to raise an additional \$5 billion in taxes. This proposal is not only outrageous—it is a betrayal of the hardworking people of Oregon.

Oregonians have already paid their fair share. The Department of Transportation (ODOT) has existing funds that could be reallocated to road maintenance if you simply revisit and amend HB 2017. It is unacceptable that only 6% of those funds go toward maintaining our roads. Instead of burdening families further, you should prioritize core infrastructure by redirecting funds from DEI initiatives, equity projects, and other non-essential programs. These funds already exist and could solve the very issues ODOT is facing—without layoffs, without service cuts, and without squeezing taxpayers dry.

The people of Oregon are hurting. We are sacrificing the foods we enjoy at the grocery stores, cutting back on travel due to gas prices, and struggling under the weight of existing taxes. This bill would only deepen that pain. According to recent sentiment, 97.3% of Oregonians oppose this bill. That is not a statistic—it is a warning.

We urge you to stand with your constituents, not with lobbyists or special interests. Every representative who votes “yes” on this bill will be held accountable. Your names will be known across your districts, and voters will remember who stood against them in their time of need. We are watching. We are organizing. And we are ready to fight back.

This session should never have happened. You are not just stirring up hornets’ nests—you are poking the bear. And when 97% of Oregonians unite against 60 House members, you will see the power of a people who refuse to be ignored.

Do the right thing. Vote no. Represent the people, not the 2.7% lobbyists.

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