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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Session Committee On Transportation
Funding

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3991

I am opposed to HB3991 for several reasons:

1. I read about ODOT's accounting mistake that made their books off by \$1 billion. I do not support giving this agency any more money until a full forensic audit is done, or if one has been done, it be shared with the taxpayers.

2. Intel, one of Oregon's largest employers has laid off hundreds, if not thousands of people in the Portland metro area. This means that many people are living on severance pay that will run out in 12 months. They simply can't afford the increase in monthly expenses at this time.

3. You are penalizing people who have purchased electric vehicles to help with climate change. If you wanted to prioritize climate change, you would not ask EV owners for more money, as the cost of the vehicles is higher than gas cars.

4. By increasing the cost to move goods and services, you will increase the cost of those goods and services. You are going to add this onto the already increasing prices due to the Trump administration's illegal tariffs.

5. My guess is if you pass this, it will be referred to voters, costing hundreds of thousands of dollars. I'm confident it will get put on the ballot, and it's 50-50 if it passes. You need to work with Republicans to come up with a bi-partisan solution and that will take more than four days.