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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Session Committee On Transportation  
Funding

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3991

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed bill aimed at addressing the state's budget deficit through increased taxes and fees, including hikes to vehicle registration fees and gas taxes. While I understand the need to maintain a balanced budget, I am concerned that the primary solution being presented is to raise taxes on Oregon citizens. It seems more logical to first explore opportunities to reduce state spending before placing a greater financial burden on residents.

The recently increased vehicle registration fee, which cost me \$245 to renew my tags in Washington County, has already had a notable impact on my household budget. It is difficult to justify these rising costs when the very infrastructure that is meant to support road repairs is not being looked at properly. A great example, is the ongoing construction on Scholls Ferry Road it continues to pose challenges for drivers and their vehicles.

It appears the state is facing a significant financial challenge, in part due to a decline in revenue from both individuals and businesses leaving Oregon. I believe the solution to this problem lies not in increasing the tax burden on those who remain, but in creating policies that encourage residents and businesses to stay. I urge you to consider alternative strategies and listen to the concerns of your constituents. I am hopeful that a new approach can be taken to ensure Oregon's long-term prosperity.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Oregon Resident