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On Behalf Of:
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Funding
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3991

As a voter in this state, I stand firmly opposed to HB3991. What concerns me just as much as the bill itself is the political theater surrounding its consideration. Waiting until 8:30 PM for a first reading is not leadership—it's gamesmanship, and it disrespects the people you were elected to serve.

Let me remind you: you work for the people of Oregon, not special interests. Many of us are keeping careful track of how each legislator votes, and we will make sure those choices are remembered next year.

Furthermore, the idea of granting the Oregon Trucking Association authority to impose gas tax increases is unconstitutional. If this bill passes, it will face immediate legal challenge, forcing taxpayers to fund the absurd spectacle of the state fighting its own citizens in court. And when we take this issue to a referendum, we are confident the people will overturn it. At that point, many of you who supported HB3991 may find yourselves out of office.

The people are watching. The people are ready. Do the right thing—reject HB3991.