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**To: Members of the Oregon Legislature**

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to strongly oppose **HB 3991 and HB 3992**. As the primary income earner for my family of five, I can tell you firsthand that these proposed tax and fee increases would cause significant harm to households like mine that are already stretched to the breaking point.

The Governor's proposal — raising the gas tax, increasing title and registration fees, nearly doubling the per-mile tax for EVs and hybrids, and doubling the statewide transit payroll tax — is simply unsustainable for working families. I work hard to provide for my wife and three children, and yet we are constantly battling the rising cost of living in Oregon. Every dollar counts. To take even more out of our paychecks and fuel costs will leave families like mine with even less margin to cover essentials such as groceries, medical expenses, and housing.

What is especially concerning is the **lack of accountability for the funds already collected**. The "Keep Oregon Moving" package (HB 2017) raised **\$5.3 billion in new taxes and fees over the last ten years**. Now, instead of demonstrating responsible management of those resources, the state is attempting to double down and demand even more from citizens who can least afford it. To add insult to injury, **HB 3992 directs much of this new revenue to ODOT administrative spending** rather than direct improvements that benefit Oregonians.

Just as troubling is the process itself. Nearly **95% of testimony submitted on August 25th opposed the Governor's plan**. Yet, the Governor did not even appear at the August 25th or August 29th sessions. Instead, a second round of testimony was quietly opened on a Sunday afternoon when fewer citizens could participate. This behavior does not reflect transparent leadership or respect for the people of Oregon.

I urge you, as someone who works hard every day to support a family in this state, to reject **HB 3991 and HB 3992**. Oregonians cannot absorb another tax increase. What we need is fiscal responsibility, accountability, and respect for the clear will of the people you represent.

Respectfully,

Jonathan Kloser