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

As a Grants Pass resident I oppose HB3991!

This proposed transportation package is estimated to raise \$5.7 billion over the next 10 years.

A 6-cent increase to the state gas tax for a total of 46 cents per gallon

A \$42 and \$132 increase in vehicle registration and title fees, respectively

A doubling of the 0.1% payroll tax to fund public transit

A \$30 supplemental registration fee for electric vehicles, and

A new "road usage charge" to be phased in for electric and hybrid cars starting in 2027

HB 3991 also has new accountability measures, including transferring the power to appoint and fire the director of the ODOT to the governor instead of the Oregon Transportation Commission and repeals mandatory tolling language from the existing statute (which Governor Kotek paused in 2024).

An estimated 95% of Oregonians oppose this transportation funding bill reflects a clear mandate from your constituents to halt this legislation!

The rushed nature of this special session limits public input, further undermining trust in the legislative process!

The citizens of Oregon have had enough of increases taxes and fees! They have spoken loudly against HB 3991, and passing it would disregard the will of the vast majority.

I urge the committee to reprioritise and pursue transparent, equitable solutions that better represent all Oregonians, not just certain special interest groups. Invest in transportation infrastructure without penalizing citizens through excessive taxes and fees. Please hear the 95% of us who reject this bill and make policies that reflect our shared values and economic realities.

Thank you for considering my testimony and for respecting the overwhelming opposition to HB 3991.

Respectfully,
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