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On Behalf Of: Myself and many friends and family members  
Committee: Joint Special Session Committee On Transportation  
Funding  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3992

Dear Representatives,

I am writing as an extremely concerned Oregon resident to voice my strong opposition to the proposed new bigspending bill.

Oregon families, like mine, and small businesses are already feeling the choking strain of inflation, taxes and high cost of living. Adding new layers of spending and raising gas taxes and payroll taxes will only make it harder for working families to afford daily necessities and for businesses to stay afloat and survive. This proposed tax hike is especially burdensome for those who rely on their vehicles for commuting, childcare and essential errands.

Instead of expanding government spending and raising taxes, I urge you to focus on:

- 1) efficient use of existing funds -ensuring current tax dollars are managed responsibly and transparently
- 2) Taxpayer relief that supports working families, small businesses and seniors living on a fixed income
- 3)Figure out ways to get people off of the government dole, it's becoming all too often that people rely on and enjoy free government benefits while not contributing to society making it a generational lifestyle.

Oregon cannot tax its way to prosperity, quite the opposite -people are wanting to leave this state to find a more balanced and safer area to be able to thrive in. As a native Salem resident, this city has taken such a downturn and this insane tax hike is a horrible idea. If you want to make this state and city a vibrant thriving place again, you have to lower the taxes and figure out how to use the money responsibly and I respectfully ask you to oppose it on behalf of the citizens you represent.

Sincerely,  
Kelsey Pantovich  
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