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To Whom it May concern:

I'm a trucker driver hauling fuel with a set of doubles into Washington Idaho and Oregon. I'm an Oregon resident born and raised on the coast. I currently live in Portland.

I oppose this transportation tax.

Last week I tapped out my log book at 70 hours for the week. Working in the heat-14 hour days. Like many weeks most of the year grinding along.

I'm currently outside of Cascade Locks off I 84 writing you.

I cross so many highways and byways across the PNW. I see a lot, I travel across many different terrains. I support ODOTS road- maintenance crew, I do not support wasteful spending.

I go over the big mountain passes daily with a set of doubles hauling 105,500 pounds of fuel. I rely on ODOT to keep the roads clear. However taxing me and other Oregonians into oblivion is NOT the answer.

I'm tired.

I'm tired of working 14 hour days- 6 days a week without overtime and the government taxing my paycheck to death- I'm tired.

This new tax and fee hike will take more money out of my pocket. I am regulated so much by the government as it is. To renew my CDL it will be \$570 dollars. I have a hazmat certificate, twic card, background checks, physicals. DOT has inspected me three times in the last nine months.

Why are the people who work hard being punished so badly?

Seventy hours is the max I can work in a week by law. You're taxing me to death making me realize this job just isn't worth it.

Do you know what it's like to work a 14 hour day. Clock out, and that very moment you log off your log book the clock starts ticking. Nine hours and fifty nine minutes, fifty eight. That's how many hours and minutes I have on my own time before I have to be back in this truck for another when it reaches zero. ( ten hours off) 14 hours a day Six days a week.

For what? So the federal and state government can take it all?

There are no more hours for me to work to make up what tax and fees are being taken from me.

To the Republicans and Democrats please meet in the middle. Find a solution to ODOTS budget without raising taxes or fees. It's getting to the point where working hard isn't worth working anymore.

Sincerely,

A tired fuel hauler

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