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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Session Committee On Transportation
Funding

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3991

I oppose. Here's why:

1. ODOT Mismanagement – Working families should not be forced to pay the price for ODOT's mismanagement of taxpayer dollars. Before asking Oregonians to dig deeper into their pockets, ODOT must first demonstrate it can manage existing resources responsibly and efficiently.

2. Fuel Tax Authority – The current draft allows the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to raise fuel taxes administratively beginning in 2030. This is a major departure from Oregon's constitutional requirement that raising taxes must be approved by a 3/5 vote of elected officials. Handing this power over to unelected administrators is unacceptable.

3. Fair Share from EVs – The bill does not go far enough in ensuring that electric vehicles pay their fair share for road maintenance and operations. Road usage charges for EVs should be simplified and implemented much sooner, so all drivers are contributing fairly to the roads we all rely on.

I support finding a responsible solution for Oregon's transportation challenges—but it must be one that protects taxpayers, respects constitutional safeguards, and ensures fairness for all Oregonians.