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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Session Committee On Transportation  
Funding

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3991

Dear Senators,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to vote NO on HB 3991, which seeks to raise fees and taxes to fund the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

Oregon families are already struggling with the high cost of living in our state. Adding new or higher taxes and fees will only place an even greater burden on working families, seniors, and small businesses. At a time when grocery bills, housing, and utilities continue to rise, it is unfair and irresponsible to add additional financial strain.

ODOT must learn to live within its means. Just like Oregon families must make careful choices, prioritize spending, and tighten budgets, ODOT should first examine its existing revenues and spending practices before asking taxpayers for more. Increasing taxes should never be the default solution to budget challenges.

We need smarter management, accountability, and efficient use of the funds ODOT already receives—not another round of tax and fee hikes. Oregon deserves a transportation system that is financially responsible and sustainable without overburdening its people.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject all new or increased fees and taxes proposed in this bill. Please stand with Oregon families and vote NO.

Respectfully,  
Michelle  
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