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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Subject: Vote NO on HB 2025 Amendment – Oregonians Can't Afford This

To the Joint Committee on Transportation,

My name is Cayden Detweiler, and I live in Redmond, Oregon. I'm writing to urge you to vote NO on the proposed amendment to HB 2025. An \$11.7 billion tax hike? That's not just a number—it's a hit that hardworking Oregonians like me simply can't absorb.

Like many others, I live on a tight budget. Every dollar matters. Gas, groceries, rent, utilities—it's all getting more expensive. And now you're asking us to pay 12¢ more per gallon at the pump, spend hundreds or even thousands more just to buy a vehicle, and hand over more taxes out of every paycheck.

That's not just frustrating—it's unsustainable. These increases won't be felt by the wealthy or the well-connected. They'll be felt by families, students, essential workers, and folks doing their best to stay afloat. We're already stretched thin. This amendment would make things worse.

And where's the accountability? Before asking Oregonians for more, ODOT needs to demonstrate it's using existing funds wisely and effectively. Transparency and efficiency should come before higher taxes.

If this amendment passes, it's not just about spending more—it's about people being forced to choose between gas and groceries. That's not fair. That's not right.

Please do the responsible thing: vote NO on this amendment. Let's fix what's broken first, and show the public that their trust—and their paychecks—are being treated with the respect they deserve.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,
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