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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Committee on Transportation Reinvestment,

I am writing to express my support for this bill. Transportation infrastructure is the lifeblood of this state's economy. If our transportation infrastructure crumbles, so does the ability of our state to live and do business. I welcome the increased oversight and audits to prevent waste and am willing to shoulder the increased tax burden this might place on my family, but I have been to too many states that do not invest in their road infrastructure to see that as an option for Oregon. If the people of this state want to shy away from investing in our transportation infrastructure, you only need to look at some of the east coast states to see what the future holds: undrivable roads that damage vehicles, toll roads on nearly every major highway, and rural roads that are barely dirt paths. That is the future if we choose not to invest in our transportation. Raising taxes is always a hard choice, but I encourage the committee members to act with courage and pass this bill.

Thank you,
Andrew Keck