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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Legislators,

I am writing as a concerned Oregon resident to express my strong opposition to House Bill 2025. This legislation proposes nearly 20 new or increased taxes and fees, many of which will place an undue burden on working families and small businesses across our state.

Specifically, I am deeply concerned about the following:

A 12-cent per gallon gas tax increase, which would make Oregon one of the most expensive states in the nation to fill a tank. This disproportionately affects rural and working-class Oregonians who rely on their vehicles for daily necessities.

A 350% increase in the vehicle privilege tax, making the purchase of a new vehicle significantly more expensive and out of reach for many residents.

A tripling of the payroll tax, directly reducing workers' take-home pay at a time when many are still recovering from the economic impacts of inflation and high living costs.

What is especially troubling is that these substantial tax increases come without any meaningful accountability or reform at the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Before asking taxpayers to contribute more, there should be a transparent and comprehensive review of how existing funds are managed and spent. Taxpayers deserve responsible governance and measurable outcomes—not just more taxes.

Oregon families are already facing rising costs across the board, and HB 2025 will only add to that burden. I urge you to vote NO on House Bill 2025 and instead prioritize fiscal responsibility, government transparency, and solutions that do not punish hardworking Oregonians.