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Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue

Senate Bill 945

Dear Chair Senator Meek, Vice-Chair Senator Boquist, and members of the Committee;

It would appear that Senate Bill 945 is one of those pieces of legislation whose time has come. Although I have little confidence Oregon's electrification of our highways will succeed in the long run, there are few – if any – cogent arguments for not collecting mileage revenue from drivers of electric powered vehicles starting now.

I think SB 945 is going to be a wake-up call for the green energy fantasy folks. SB 945 is simply a taste of what's to come with Oregon's ongoing elimination of anything related to fossil fuel use.

Go for it! The sooner Oregonians experience a little taste of just what "end fossil fuels" ultimately leads to the better.

Sure, pass this bill and let the whining begin!

Sincerely,

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