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Dissent on Oregon House Bill 2025

Oregon's HB 2025 is a gut-punch to every hardworking trucker, farmer, and blue-collar family scraping by in this state. This transportation tax package slaps on a 37.5% gas tax hike, jacks up vehicle title fees by over \$70, and cranks registration fees by more than \$50. For folks who rely on their rigs or work vans to make a living, this ain't just a tax—it's a betrayal. This hits the little guy hardest, especially rural workers with no bus or train to fall back on.

Worst of all, the bill's per-mile tax comes with a Big Brother tracker in your vehicle, snooping on every mile you drive—where you go, when, and how long you're there. This isn't just a tax; it's a full-on invasion of your freedom. Who's guarding that data? Nobody's promising it won't end up in the wrong hands, and that's a risk no Oregonian should have to take. We work hard, pay our dues, and don't need the state playing spy while we're hauling lumber or delivering goods.

This bill's timing is a slap in the face. Gas, groceries, and rent are already bleeding us dry, and now Salem wants to squeeze more? Higher fuel costs will jack up everything—your groceries, your hardware, your kids' school supplies. And don't trust the state to spend it wisely; their track record on road funds is a joke, with no guarantee this cash won't get funneled into pet projects instead of fixing our crumbling highways.

Instead of taxing us into the ground and tracking our every move, the state could cut red tape, tap federal infrastructure bucks, or build out transit so folks have real options. HB 2025 is a raw deal—cooked up behind closed doors, with half the lawmakers clueless about its scope. It's government overreach on steroids, stomping on our wallets and our privacy. Oregon's working class deserves better. Kill this bill and give us solutions that don't screw over the people who keep this state running.

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