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I'm really concerned about House Bill 2025. It proposes big increases to the gas tax, DMV fees, and even a new tax on buying cars—all of which directly impact students, low-income families, and people who rely on their cars to get to class or work. The bill claims to improve transportation, but most of the money goes to massive highway projects, not local safety improvements or affordable public transit. It feels like people like me are being asked to pay more without getting much in return.

What also worries me is how this bill was put together. There wasn't much public input, and it gives the governor even more control over the transportation department, which doesn't feel very democratic. I get that we need to invest in infrastructure, but this plan isn't balanced or fair. Instead of rushing it through, lawmakers should take more time to make sure it actually helps the people who are paying for it—especially young people and future generations.