

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Members of the Oregon State Legislature,
I, Lellaniah Adams, a resident of Keizer, Oregon, strongly oppose House Bill 2025, the Oregon Transportation Reinvestment Package (TRIP), which imposes over \$1 billion in new taxes and fees annually. This includes a 37.5% gas tax increase (from 40 to 55 cents per gallon by 2028), a 2% tax on new car sales, a 1% tax on used cars over \$10,000, and higher title and registration fees. These taxes crush Keizer families like mine, already burdened by Oregon's heavy tax load, to fund bloated budgets and misguided priorities. Oregon's personal income tax rate, among the nation's highest at 9.9% for incomes over \$125,000 (individuals) or \$250,000 (households), combined with property taxes and fees, strains residents. Past tax hikes, like Measure 67 (2010), hit businesses hard, and HB 2025 will worsen this, raising costs and threatening jobs. Oregonians have rejected excessive taxation before—Measures 8 (2000), 28 (2003), and 30 (2004) all failed—showing we cannot afford more. The state's \$31.5 billion 2023-25 biennium budget, plus \$696 million in projected revenue, proves no need for new taxes. No megaprojects like the I-5 Rose Quarter. The Oregon Department of Transportation's \$1 billion federal funding miscalculation reveals mismanagement, not a revenue shortage. HB 2025 fuels concerns about funding "socialism" through unchecked spending on non-essential programs. Keizer residents deserve fiscal accountability, not more taxes that raise living costs. I urge you to reject HB 2025 and prioritize cutting waste and focusing on essential infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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