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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Co-chairs Gorsek and McLain, Co-Vice-Chairs Starr and Boshart-Davis, and Honorable Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment.

My name is Alisha Overstreet. As an Oregonian living in a rural area with multiple disabled families and two children whom we drive to school in our personal vehicles every day with a total mileage reaching on average 90 miles daily, I strongly OPPOSE this transportation bill.

It is an urban and inner-city dream transportation bill - as is also demonstrated in the various support letters of this bill. However, for those of us who do not live in a big city, this bill places an undue burden on us for the sole benefit of those who are not "punished" for driving one or more vehicles.

The idea of a new car "privilege" tax is condescending, at best, and outright discriminatory at worst. The mere idea of imposing (technically increasing) a privilege tax for those of us who purchase a new vehicle (non-EV or EV) is discriminatory as it targets specific Oregonians.

The fiscal/revenue forecast should be made available to the public ASAP, not at the convenience of the department or other bureaucracies. Revenue is money that comes from our tax dollars and we have a right to know how much the state requests and where the money is supposed to go. We know neither as of June 9th, 2025.

I understand the need to secure revenue with the significant uncertainty of federal match funds, but I strongly encourage the department to first find ways to cut spending by focusing on duplicative efforts, wasteful spending, as well as potentially placing large projects on hold for the next biennium.

Please, NO MORE TAXES!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alisha Overstreet