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To the Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment:

You are making it impossible to live here. I was born here and never thought I would want to live anywhere else but enough is enough! I've been a widow since I was 53 years old so my social security benefits are 1/2 of what they should be, not to mention the loss of income for the last 12 years from a spouse. Energy costs, Utility costs, and food costs have doubled. I drive a 12 year old car. Now you are proposing a large increase in the gas tax which will affect all those costs mentioned above, including the cost of a new car. You're giving it to an agency that has no accountability and has a reputation for not completing projects (Rose Quarter project). There is enough money currently to refund ODOT to do the basics--like fix our horrible roads. How many businesses and 2 percenters have left this state because of it's high taxes and all the fees that are just a hidden tax? It's time our state agencies be held accountable and stop spending money like there is an unlimited amount because we, the tax payer, are tapped out.

Thank you for listening to my testimony.