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On Behalf Of: WE THE PEOPLE
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Lawmakers

My name is Chad Kernutt, I have a single income family of 5, and I'm testifying today in opposition to the proposed tyrannical democrat party tax theft bill HB-2025 seeking to raise taxes and fees across the board on us hard working tax paying citizens by going after the daily transportation, gas, and paychecks of everyone living outside of Portlandia stealing money from Oregonians and funneling the new tax money into the failing and incompetent ODOT budget coffers. WE THE PEOPLE are not ok with and do not consent to continuing the dump of tax payer dollars and our hard earned money into an failed and incompetent ODOT agency that continues to fail audits, goes dangerously over budget on every project that they partake in, and does not adequately prioritize their projects in the first place, and continues to put the progressive wish list projects of Oregons metro city, Portlandia, to the front of the line, despite them always ending up as failures and money pits that seem to be never ending. Meanwhile the rest of the state and especially the rural communities continue to suffer when it comes to our roads and infrastructure. It's already egregious that the entire state gets taxed for the ridiculous Portland metro transportation taxes that keep it's rail car, bus systems, and electric vehicle charging stations going, when the rest of us Oregonians who are not Portlanders do not and will not ever use the dagone things.

Oregon already ranks 3rd in highest income taxed states and 18th in highest property taxes. Marijuana taxes, gross receipts sales taxes, carbon taxes, cap and trade taxes/schemes, tire taxes, \$0.10 bottle/can deposits, and diesel rig taxes were the latest brain child tax bills dreamed up and forced upon WE THE PEOPLE in Oregon by Oregons governor and democrat lawmakers and it's done nothing to improve our economy, living situations, communities, infrastructure, climate change, or give us more money in our pockets for our families. It seems a bit disgusting, reckless, and irresponsible to me that their are lawmakers dreaming up new taxes and fees to fix the states budget issues and prop up it's incompetent and flailing agencies when the state is steered and led by Democrats to begin with who can not affectively manage money, budgets, staff/employees, or keep it's agencies out of continuous scandals. Especially when meanwhile, the very same governor, lawmakers, and committees have done everything in their power to make costs go up from both ends on the food supply chain and on commodities, and allowed rent prices, mortgage rates, property taxes, and energy rates to climb through the roof in the last 4 years. WE THE PEOPLE do not need new taxes and fees taking more of our hard earned money from our families due to their own failures and stupidity. They have not shown themselves to faithful stewards of our money given in taxes so why should we reward

their incompetence with giving them even more of our money??? We need relief and the ability to keep more of our hard earned money for our families. This theft of our incomes/paychecks and bank accounts by those in charge of the Oregon state government amounts to taxation without representation which is something that kicked off a revolutionary war with the tyrannical British empire and gave birth to our country. You elected officials did not run political campaigns on raising all these new taxes, you were not voted on for this policy and theft maneuver. Therefore this terrible idea and theft attempt should be put on the ballot for WE THE PEOPLE to vote on as a ballot measure and if we decide to part ways with our money and entrust the Oregon government with it than we will do so on our own accord and it will be with our blessing and say so. Please vote NO on HB-2025. Thank you.

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