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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

I strongly oppose HB2025. I own 8 gas stations in rural southern Oregon. We are a family owned business in continuous operation serving Douglas County since 1939. Our current sales price for unbranded regular gas is \$3.699. The current state tax of \$.40/gallon is an approximately 10.81% tax on all citizens who purchase fuel. If you choose to double that, you will be charging a 21.63% tax on all citizens who purchase fuel in our state. Now let's say that prices drop back down to what they were around 5 years ago, at around \$2.50/gallon. Now you are charging citizens a 32% tax on a essential product. This will effect the costs of every product that gets sold in the state. Milk, eggs, flower, almost everything sold in Oregon has an associated fuel cost in there somewhere. Lastly, I hear elected officials constantly talk about helping those in need. How is charging every person in Oregon an extra 11-21% tax (on top of the 10.81% you already charge them) on an item they have to purchase to get to work helping them?

You should also look at your current projects that are over budget and behind schedule and ask yourselves, why? The answer to your problem lies within your own policies, not in extorting more money from regular people.

Thank you,

Andrew Shirtcliff