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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Hi my name is James Myers,

I am a lifelong Oregonian of 62 plus years. I am writing in opposition of HB 2025. It is my opinion, along with everyone that I have spoken to about this proposed tax, that this measure would be a burden to the majority of those who live here in the state of Oregon. I employ through various businesses over 65 employees. Most of these employees commute to work since two our locations are in two smaller towns that can't support the required employees need to run our family operated businesses. We have had to increase our wages so dramatically over the last 4 years due to the cost of living, much of which is a result of some of the highest minimum wage requirements here in the state, but also with the inflation that has plagued our nation over the last 3 years. Adding a gas tax to Oregonians budgets is not something that most people can afford given the economic pressures that we have all been feeling for food, rent and what we currently pay at the gas pump already. How are people going to save for a home or for their children's education or even maintain a current lifestyle they see waning already.

This will also impact our pricing to our customers in these smaller communities we operate in. WE already are feeling the squeeze in trying to provide competitive pricing for these smaller communities. Increasing taxes that increase the cost of all products that deliver to us and that we deliver to our customers is a hardship that the smaller business in the smaller towns of Oregon is not realistic. Not everyone wants to or can live in Salem or Portland. I think all of the spaces under the bridges are taken. However, I do think this type of tax will increase the amount of those who are giving up.

The last thing I would ask you as our legislators. If this was put before a vote here in the state do you think it would pass or even come close too! You are elected by the people to represent the people. I haven't found a person, not one, in the 50 plus that I have asked that supports this bill.
please feel free to contact me

Sincerely,
James Myers (Brad)

see email