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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Oregon Legislators:

I am writing to demand you stop HB2025 from passing. This bill is a slap in the face of every working person in the State of Oregon. The 30+ tax and fee increases, including 37.5% increase in gas taxes and new sales tax on cars are outrageous. We taxpayers are struggling already to put food on the table and pay the rent, but we can't go to the boss and hold him up for more money, unlike the Legislature. You folks seem to think that we taxpayers are working for you. Perhaps, you have forgotten that you are supposed to be public servants, serving by the grace of the voters.

I demand that you stop the passage of HB2025, a ONE BILLION DOLLAR insult to us taxpayers. What taxpayers need is for every government employee, agency, and branch to manage our hard earned tax dollars, the way we manage our take home pay: by balancing the budget, spending wisely, and forgoing the purchase of things we can do without. That means we cut spending first, before we go out looking for another job. And by the way, jobs are harder to find due to so many businesses leaving Oregon, because they have been taxed to death. If you folks spent as much time looking for places to cut spending, improve efficiency, maintain oversight, and tighten the government's belt as you do figuring out more ways to punish the taxpayers with burdensome and unnecessary tax increases, imagine how the economy would grow. Government spending does not increase the GDP of the state; it decreases it. For the sake of every Oregonian, STOP HB2025.

I am a lifelong Oregonian, and I vote.

Respectfully,
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