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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

To whom it may concern:

My name is Michael Stadler. I was born and raised in the Salem, Oregon area. I currently reside in Happy Valley, Oregon. I am also a Fire Lieutenant for a major city in Oregon.

Raising fees and taxes, (gas, property, income, or otherwise), is a futile and irresponsible way to compensate for governmental financial waste.

I'm strongly opposed to HB 2025. Raising gas taxes, registration fees, and licensing costs in the middle of a cost-of-living crisis is unacceptable. This bill punishes working families just trying to get by. Enough is enough.

Simple ideas to save some money (although maybe not a huge amount, anything is better than nothing):

- Stop printing registration stickers and cards. This is an antiquated method and with current technology, police officers can run license plates and find out if registration is current. No proof of registration or stickers should be required or printed.

- stop requiring front license plates. This will cut plate production and costs in half going forward. Police officers conduct traffic stops from the rear, not the front. Therefore, while there are arguable reasons for both plates, police can still run plates from the rear.

- stop catering to all of the needs of the homeless. Homeless are flocking to Oregon (primarily Salem and Portland) because of all the free handouts. If you stop enabling them, you will save our tax dollars for services the taxpayers use.

We need serious change in this state. This will only come from a change in leadership mentality. "Red" or "Blue" doesn't matter as long as the needs of the tax paying citizens are put first.

Stop the financial waste! Relying on raising taxes to fund the pet projects of politicians and enable others is very shortsighted.

Thank you for your time and God bless.

A frustrated taxpayer,
-Michael Stadler-