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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Oregon State Legislators,

I am urging you to OPPOSE HB 2025. Oregonians do not need this transportation bill at a cost of "over a billion dollars". This bill lacks accountability for ODOT's use of these funds. We all need to be good stewards of Oregon's finances, rather than creating over 35 TAXES AND FEE INCREASES among which are the following:

- 37.5% increase in tax on gasoline
- A new sales tax on cars which is in addition to the current privilege tax
- Tripling of the taxes on our wages

We are living in a time where we need real reform and transparency, rather than writing another blank check which hurts all Oregonians. As a retired teacher on a fixed income, I respectfully ask you to oppose HB 2025. As the mother of a daughter who is recovering from leukemia and cannot work, I respectfully ask you to oppose HB 2025. As the grandmother of a granddaughter who struggles to pay her student loans, I respectfully ask you to oppose HB 2025. Let us be financially responsible and heed the advice of Warren Buffett who said, "Do not save what is left after spending, but spend what is left after saving."

Sincerely,

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