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Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

I strongly oppose HB 2025 and urge lawmakers to reject this bill. Hiking the gas tax by 37.5%, jacking up registration and title fees by 270%, and slapping new taxes on vehicles—especially during a period of economic uncertainty and inflation—is both reckless and harmful to working- and middle-class Oregonians.

This isn't just a tax hike. It's an attack on mobility, small business owners, commuters, and every family that relies on a vehicle. The idea that these funds will go toward empty bus lines and politically driven infrastructure like "equity bike lanes" while roads crumble and traffic worsens is a slap in the face to taxpayers. We need efficient, common-sense transportation solutions—not bloated bureaucracy and ideological projects.

As a resident who commutes and pays already high living expenses, I see this as an unaffordable burden. Many of us aren't taking public transportation—not because we don't want to—but because it's ineffective, slow, and doesn't serve our actual routes. Penalizing drivers while doing little to improve real transit options is bad policy.

I urge every representative to consider the long-term impact this bill will have on Oregon's economy, rural communities, and struggling families. This is not equity—this is government overreach under the guise of progress. Reject HB 2025.