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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

My name is Charles McCormack, from Vernonia, OR. I strongly oppose HB2025. I commute from Vernonia to Beaverton for work, and the gas tax increase of this bill would seriously hamper my commute. The massive registration fee increase would make my financial situation worse, perhaps making it impossible to purchase a future vehicle. The taxes associated with purchasing a vehicle would drive residents to private purchase, driving up the market thereof, taking said market from tolerably affordable to impossible, assuming that the bill doesn't force private sales to pay the taxes as well. I fail to understand where this body politic reasons that the people can sustain such an increase in taxes, people, such as myself cannot use mass transit to commute into work, as I do not live in the Portland-metro area, and the residents of other rural areas of this state cannot use, or do not have access to mass transit, therefore are reliant on their vehicles. The taxes in this bill would crush their ability to commute and travel, in addition to breaking the financial situations of the residents of this state whose finances are already stretched to the limit, unless it is the intention of this body politic to drive residents of this state onto the government dole, and/or force them to accept, and be beholden to a statewide mass transit system; which is the embodiment of despicability, and shame should be upon you. We, the residents of this state are not the ATM of the state government, whose earnings are not at the state's disposal because the body politic fritters our monies away on pet projects, that seem to provide no benefit to anybody, and likely sees a portion of which, back into the pockets of this body politic.