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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek and Members of the Committee,

I write today in strong opposition of the increased transit funding and the STIF program in HB 2025 and my request to eliminate completely a payroll tax to subsidize a poorly managed company, stuck in the 80's, and angonizingly slow on the adoption of technology to streamline processes and procedures. They're still issuing drivers printed packets of maps and other bus and route information. Why is part of my payroll going toward these ridiculously outdated practices?

My only mass transit option from home to work in downtown Portland is a 29-stop, 40 minute ride. I simply will not do that.

I find it galling that they're subsidies by a payroll tax and am furious that they're requesting an increase in that tax. Why? Do they need more paper for driver packets?

You must vote to defeat this bill. No. New. Taxes.

Sincerely,

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