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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

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Good day, Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Robison Ball, an Oregon resident and taxpayer, and I'm here to respectfully urge you to vote no on HB 2025, the proposed transportation reinvestment bill. While I appreciate the need for infrastructure improvements, this bill's approach—imposing over \$1 billion annually in new taxes and fees—is the wrong path for Oregon families, workers, and small businesses.

First, the financial burden of this bill is staggering. With more than 35 new taxes and fees, HB 2025 places an unfair strain on everyday Oregonians already grappling with rising costs for groceries, housing, and fuel. For example, families like mine are still recovering from economic challenges, and additional taxes on transportation—whether through fuel, vehicle registration, or other fees—will make it harder to afford basic necessities. Small businesses, the backbone of our communities, will face higher operating costs, potentially leading to job cuts or price increases that hurt consumers.

Second, the process behind HB 2025 lacks transparency and public input. As noted by concerned citizens and representatives, this bill was developed in secret, with limited opportunities for Oregonians to weigh in before it reached this stage. A proposal of this magnitude, with such a profound impact on our wallets and daily lives, deserves open debate and careful consideration—not a rushed push through the legislature. Oregonians deserve to know exactly how these funds will be spent and whether they'll deliver measurable results.

Finally, there are better alternatives. Instead of new taxes, we should prioritize efficient use of existing transportation funds, cut wasteful spending, and explore innovative solutions like public-private partnerships. Other states have improved infrastructure without overburdening taxpayers, and Oregon can do the same with thoughtful, fiscally responsible policies.

I urge you to listen to the growing chorus of Oregonians saying “no” to HB 2025. This bill's massive tax increases, lack of transparency, and disregard for working families make it the wrong choice for our state. Please vote no and work toward solutions that strengthen Oregon without breaking our budgets.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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