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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Troy Vanderhoof from Camas Valley, Oregon. I'm strongly opposed to HB 2025. Raising gas taxes, registration fees, and licensing costs in the middle of a cost-of-living crisis is unacceptable. Oregon is already a state with one of the highest gas taxes and adding more just doesn't make sense. While the rest of the country has seen gas prices drop since January, they have done just the opposite in Oregon, raising roughly 50-60 cents per gallon over the past five (5) month period.

Registration fees already increase annually since the last time you pushed this type of a bill through the Legislature about ten years ago, so more is not the answer. I just renewed my license and that fee is currently much higher than I recall it being eight years ago at my last renewal, again enough.

This bill does nothing more than punish working families just trying to get by. Enough is enough, live on what you already collect and spend it more wisely. Otherwise, why would we be receiving the largest kicker refund in state history, which goes to prove you already collect more than required. Making up new things to spend money on just to tax your constituents to death is not the reason you were elected.

Thanks,

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