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My name is Jana McCallum from Rockaway Beach, Oregon. I'm strongly opposed to HB 2025. Raising gas taxes, registration fees, and licensing costs during a time when the Oregon Legislature has so many other bills that plan on taking even more money from the taxpayers it outrageous. It's not just the state government either. There are cities and counties all around the state that are trying to get more money from us taxpayers. This bill is not financially sustainable to those that are on a budget and only punishes working families just trying to get by. Oregon legislators need to take a hard look at the big picture. We have industries and businesses leaving our state. The same industries and businesses that were keeping people employed and paying a big chunk of the tax revenue that the state government was receiving. You should not be expecting the taxpayers to cover for lost tax revenue from lost businesses. If you want more money from the taxpayer for transportation, then the legislators need to start cutting taxes from something else. Absolutely, there should have been oversight over ODOT. That's what happens when government is too big, and people aren't held accountable. Please don't punish hard working Oregonians, because government failed to be good stewards of the taxpayers' money.