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Chair and Members of the Committee,  
Oregon's transportation system is the backbone of our economy and everyday life—but it is under growing financial pressure. As vehicles become more fuel efficient and more drivers switch to electric cars, the gas tax—ODOT's primary source of revenue—continues to decline. At the same time, inflation has significantly increased the cost of materials, labor, and services needed to maintain our roads, bridges, and essential operations.

We are not alone—transportation agencies nationwide are facing the same structural challenges.

Over the past two decades, the legislature has made historic investments in transportation infrastructure, and we're grateful for that. But support for the day-to-day operations that keep the system running—plowing snow, issuing licenses, maintaining safety data systems—has not kept up.

Without additional resources, we face the very real possibility of service reductions across the state. But we have the opportunity to act now and ensure ODOT can continue to deliver the high-quality services that Oregon residents and businesses expect and deserve.

My name is Natalia Litvinka, and I work as a Senior Business Systems Analyst in the Information Systems Branch, supporting the crash data systems that provide critical information to ODOT, federal agencies, and safety stakeholders.

Each day, our crash system supplies data to the federal Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) to report deadly crashes—data that helps shape safety policies nationwide. I've been deeply involved in modernizing our crash reporting process. Our team doesn't just understand the technical side. We bring deep knowledge of ODOT's processes, data standards, and business logic—something that takes years to develop and cannot be easily replaced by general IT contractors. When our systems touch safety, infrastructure planning, and regulatory compliance, errors or lost knowledge can cost engineers, architects, and the public valuable time and resources.

I urge you to consider how essential this kind of internal knowledge and expertise is—not only to maintain operations, but to ensure ODOT's investments in

modernization are successful.

Thank you for your time and your support of our mission.