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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Laura Kimmel, from Lebanon Oregon. I'm strongly opposed to HB2025. Raising gas prices, registration fees and licensing costs in the middle of a cost of living crisis is unacceptable! This bill punishes working families just trying to get by. Enough! I have rentals. I know this first hand and from my rentals. Seniors forced to sell their homes, just to find care. Families, living together, young families who can't buy a house or have children. Rental companies greedily hiking rents. Overcrowding of homes, children can't play outdoors as in the past. There are enough housing, it's too expensive. One of my houses, is 800.00 a month, 3 bdrm. Another: 2 young families live in the 4 bdrm, large yard, 1800.00 a month. How can we charge high rent and they struggle working, 4 children, the Mom's have had surgeries and one of the babies has to be at Dornbecher hospital almost monthly? Another it's 50.00 a can for her formula. A couple of our people are on very limited incomes, disability. One resident; single mom came from domestic abuse. Just trying to scrap by and trying to raise a son who was diagnosed. These are only a few that you are hurting with prices. They don't drive spendy cars, or take vacations. How much more do you want to punish people with high living prices? Depression rampant in Seniors having to sell their home after 50 years of paying taxes, raising their children. Sitting waiting to die. You know people need to get around, doctors, work, school. Yet, you want to pile on costs. It's cruelty. I see a future of a State in tents. I was raised in Portland. It used to be a beautiful city. Truly a City of Roses. Sparkling clean rivers. Neighborly, friendly people. Working downtown, we could meet for an evening, as a teen, we rode the transit downtown on a Sat. For shopping. Beautiful storefront windows, clean streets. Clean, well maintained streets and bridges. What happened? Prices keep going up, our historic areas being treated horribly, our forests being destroyed every year, big city abolishing family farms and Dairies for huge homes with fancy gates, blacktop a driveway. Build parking. Open area's where dogs could stop to play, while on walks, now stands ugly apartments. When will you leave your posh offices and open your eyes, instead of pushing a pencil on how to sneak in more tax and charges? This is Oregon, we don't want California.

Thank-you Laura