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My Name is Bruce Erickson from Sandy, Oregon. I'm strongly opposed to HB 2025. Raising registration and licensing fees, as well as gas taxes, is unacceptable. This bill punishes working families just trying to get by. Enough is enough. ODOT has spent too much money on Portland's light rail systems and bike lanes over the past years, instead of building new highways to solve our traffic problems on existing highways. Why don't we use registration or licenses fees on bicyclists to help pay for the bike paths being built along highway right-of-way instead of the gas taxes. Bicycles don't use gas, but we use the gas tax revenue to build them. Where did the money come from to build the paved bike lane from Portland to Hood River. As our population grows so should our highways, or we will continue to be stuck in traffic while trying to get to work or play. Thank you.