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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Craig Olson from Keizer, OR. I am strongly opposed to HB2025. Oregon gas taxes at \$0.40 per gallon are currently 10th highest in the nation, and we can quickly move up to 4th highest (around \$0.52) with this bill and capping taxes to inflation (which would have raised them over 20% during the Biden administration alone) makes this even worse for the primarily poor to middle class citizens who rely on gas-powered vehicles to drive to work--those who can't afford to purchase an EV and who don't have access to a charger even if they did have an EV. Additionally, the tax to purchase used and new vehicles is worse than the tariffs that Democrats complain about--the typical new car costs \$50K, meaning that the consumer will be hit with an Oregon tax of \$1K. Democrats claim to be against the "tax" on consumers created by tariffs but just continue on piling on taxes of all types to their own constituents!