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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Co-Vice Chairs Starr and Boshart Davis, and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation. I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 2025.

To do our jobs safely and effectively as a forest operator in Oregon, we depend on a network of safe, well-maintained roads. As contributors to the transportation system, our members are also key payers into the system.

We urge you to give serious consideration to the significant tax increases proposed in this package. These increases would place additional financial strain on the commercial trucking industry, which is already facing considerable challenges.

We are also concerned that this bill lacks meaningful accountability measures for the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and fails to adequately prioritize investment in core transportation infrastructure. We need legislation that grows commerce, population and transportation capacity.

We support finding solutions together with the Legislature which would be fair and sustainable for growing all-Oregon businesses, workers, trucking, ports, and a safe transportation system.

Thank you for your time and attention. We respectfully ask that you take these concerns into account as you deliberate on this bill.