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As the President of the Oregon City Business Alliance, I feel compelled to speak out against House Bill 2025. This proposed legislation—which would significantly increase gas taxes, vehicle registration fees, and licensing costs—comes at the worst possible time for Oregon families and businesses.

We are in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis. Inflation has driven up the price of everything from groceries to housing. Families are stretching every dollar to make ends meet. Small businesses are grappling with rising operating costs, supply chain disruptions, and labor shortages. And now, rather than offering relief, HB 2025 proposes to pile on more financial pressure.

This bill disproportionately hurts working families, especially those who rely on their vehicles for work, school, and essential errands. Many Oregonians don't have the option of public transportation. They depend on their cars to put food on the table and keep their lives running. Increasing their transportation costs is not just tone-deaf—it's harmful and regressive.

Moreover, these kinds of tax hikes send a troubling message to the business community. At a time when we should be doing everything we can to support economic recovery, HB 2025 signals that small business and middle-class concerns are being sidelined in favor of short-term revenue grabs. That's not sustainable, and it's not just.

Oregon deserves better. We need smart, balanced policy that recognizes the struggles our residents are facing and seeks to ease their burdens—not add to them. HB 2025 fails that test.

On behalf of the Oregon City Business Alliance, I urge our elected officials to reject HB 2025. Enough is enough. Let's focus on policies that empower families, strengthen local economies, and help our communities thrive.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Kent H. Ziegler".

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