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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Glenn Lancaster. I'm a retired utility industry professional and small business owner from Wilsonville. I built my company here in Oregon and served the electric energy sector for more than 40 years. I submit this testimony in strong opposition to HB 2025.

Energy and transportation are inseparable. When you raise taxes on gas, registration, and mileage, you're not just hitting drivers—you're taxing the backbone of Oregon's economy. This bill triggers cascading cost increases across freight, agriculture, construction, and even groceries. It will punish working families already struggling under inflation.

You're proposing a 37.5% gas tax increase, 270% hikes in registration and title fees, and a new per-mile tracking tax—plus added fees on electric vehicles and diesel parity adjustments. This is not reinvestment. It's economic punishment wrapped in bureaucracy.

While everyday Oregonians tighten their belts, this bill creates new revenue streams for an agency that has not earned public trust. It's a regressive tax model that hits lower-income workers the hardest—and it's tone-deaf to what families are going through.

HB 2025 is not a responsible fix. It's a bureaucratic wish list at taxpayer expense. I urge you to vote NO and go back to the drawing board.

Respectfully,
Glenn Lancaster
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