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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

My name is Angela Todd. I live in Portland, and I've owned and operated a small business in Oregon for nearly 20 years.

I'm here today in strong opposition to House Bill 2025 — because this transportation package will cripple businesses like mine and put even more financial pressure on working families across the state.

My business is now half the size it was just two years ago. HB 2025 would make it worse.

This bill raises the gas tax, payroll taxes, title and registration fees — and adds new taxes on electric and delivery vehicles. It will raise the cost of doing business, the cost of living, and the cost of simply driving to work or dropping off your kids.

What offends me most is that there's no financial study behind this package. ODOT and this body have no idea how much money it will raise, how much it will cost Oregonians — or where the billions would even go.

This isn't a transportation plan. It's a tax plan.

And the people who will feel it hardest are already hanging on by a thread — thanks to years of poor policy:

- Small business owners
- Working families
- Rural Oregonians with no alternative to driving

We all want better infrastructure. But you don't build it by punishing the people still trying to survive and contribute.

We need ODOT to return to core competency.

We need rational, responsible spending — and records that don't fail audits.

Please vote no on HB 2025 — and go back to the drawing board with the people of Oregon in mind.