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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Chair McLain and Chair Gorsek and Committee members:

My name is Cheryl Martin. I live in North Powder, OR. I am submitting testimony in strong opposition of SB 2025. As a sixth generation Oregonian and rancher I have deep roots in our beautiful state. I have children and grandchildren who all live in Oregon as well. I am increasingly disappointed and discouraged in the decisions that are being made by the leadership and elected officials in our state. The state that I have, until recently, been proud to call my home has appeared to have lost all common sense and has become so unfriendly and almost hostile to business and middle class Oregonians. SB 2025 is another very upsetting piece of legislation brought forward in this eleventh hour of months long congressional session. It is a strangling potential law that will put more tax burden on hard working families. Families who are trying to be productive, responsible citizens in Oregon. It is so out of touch with the reality of the majority of this state and is pandering to the far left agenda that has been proven to be unsustainable. Taking more hard earned money out of the pockets of our citizens and our businesses to use under the guise of roads and maintenance while knowing it will be used for other purposes is disingenuous and deceptive. If it were truly going to be used for roads and road maintenance across the state it would at least be more palatable. While public transportation and bike trails sound great it is utterly impractical to much of the rural, geographical areas in Oregon. SB 2025 is not practical, sensible or fair to the majority of hard working, tax paying, responsible, true, honest, legitimate Oregonians. I strongly urge you to reconsider the disastrous repercussions if SB 2025 and do not continue to push it through.

Thank you

Cheryl Martin