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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

I oppose this bill in current form as it contains a provision that authorizes the use of toll programs by ODOT as provided for in past legislation. This past legislation provides for the implementation of tolls without a vote by the citizens of Oregon. It has been well established that the implementation of road tolls do not have the support of the Oregon people. Personally, I do not support toll programs. I believe the roads have been paid for by past taxes and the state should not charge citizens for the use of existing roads. Tolls are only reasonable, in my judgment, for new roads that would not be constructed without a toll program. I oppose this bill with this provision. Please amend the bill to remove the section authorizing toll programs on existing roads.