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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek, and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment,

I strongly oppose HB 2025. Counting the cost and working within budgets is essential before starting projects. It's wise for individuals and civil governments to do that. However, raising taxes is not the solution. Instead, consider the wise counsel the Republican legislators have proposed for the budget; plenty of tax revenue is available.

We The People are not banks. And none of us desire to slave away at our jobs to fund irresponsible government spending and programs. Consider the following information Notaxor.com reports on the outrageous increase of taxes being proposed:

"HB2025 — the so-called Transportation Reinvestment Package — is a laundry list of new taxes and fee hikes that will hit working families the hardest:

"Fuel taxes going up 15 cents — with automatic increases in future years

"\$70 increase to title fees

"\$50 increase to vehicle registration fees

"Brand new mileage-based taxes on delivery drivers and electric vehicles

"Increases in payroll taxes and privilege taxes on vehicles

"Up to 600% increases in everyday DMV fees

"And that's just the shortlist."

Civil government is to protect the life, liberty, and property of individuals. High taxes do not protect our property--they take it from us. Also, many Oregonians are struggling to make ends meet. Where is the compassion for them?

Oregon's taxes are terribly high as it is. That is the reality.

Vote NO on HB 2025.

Respectfully,
Heather Hall