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On Behalf Of:

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As a lifelong citizen of Oregon and voter I am opposed to this bill and the increase in taxes,

fees, and other funding mechanisms. The state of Oregon is well funded to perform the core functions necessary for its citizens. These increases will only exacerbate Oregonians difficulties to provide their own basic needs. It is already very costly to live in Oregon due to policy decisions that have been made over the past decade. It should not be overlooked that the rest of the nation enjoys gas prices below \$3.00 a gallon while the west coast states are significantly higher. Government is supposed to encourage growth and provide for the pursuit of life. Making it more expensive to do so will only decrease our ability to pursue life here and is making Oregonians more likely to leave the state as many businesses and individuals have. I know many lifelong Oregonians who have chosen to move to more tax friendly states like Arizona and Texas. This bill will only serve to increase that exodus. As a retired Oregonian living on a fixed income, I'm very concerned about House Bill

2025. This bill would significantly raise the gas tax, DMV fees, and even add new taxes on buying vehicles—all of which add up quickly for those of us who are trying to make our retirement savings stretch. Many retirees, especially in rural areas, rely on our vehicles to get to medical appointments, run errands, and stay connected to our communities. It feels unfair to place such a heavy financial burden on those who have already paid into the system for decades.