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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

To the House Committee and Honorable Members,

My name is Teresita Sablan and I am a concerned resident of Oregon writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed amendment to HB 2025.

This amendment represents one of the largest tax increases in our state's history—\$11.7 billion over the next decade—and it comes at a time when working families, small businesses, and retirees are already facing record inflation, rising housing costs, and economic uncertainty.

Here's what troubles me most:

A 12¢ increase in the gas tax would push Oregon toward the top of the nation in fuel costs. For rural and working-class families who rely on vehicles for daily life, this is not just inconvenient it's punitive.

A 350% increase in car sales taxes will hit anyone trying to replace an aging vehicle or purchase a reliable car for work or family. This disproportionately hurts those who can least afford it.

Tripling the payroll tax penalizes both employees and employers. It disincentivizes job growth and reduces take-home pay at a time when every dollar counts.

And perhaps most concerning, there is no meaningful reform or accountability for ODOT's existing budget or past spending practices. Before demanding billions more from taxpayers, our state must prove that it can manage the money it already has.

I am not opposed to infrastructure investment or responsible budgeting. But this amendment feels rushed, bloated, and deeply out of touch with the financial realities of everyday Oregonians.

We are not ATMs. We are not piggy banks. We are citizens who expect smart governance, not blank checks.

Please vote NO on this amendment to HB 2025. Oregon deserves better.

Respectfully,

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