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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Subject: Vote NO on HB 2025 Amendment – Oregonians Can't Afford Another Hit

To the Joint Committee on Transportation,

My name is Zachary Detweiler, and I live in Redmond, Oregon. I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposed amendment to HB 2025. A \$11.7 billion tax-and-fee hike is not just excessive—it's harmful. Working Oregonians like me simply cannot afford it.

I live on a tight budget. Every cent matters. Gas, groceries, utilities, housing—all of it is getting more expensive by the day. This amendment would force people like me to pay:

- 12¢ more per gallon at the pump
- Hundreds or even thousands more to purchase a vehicle
- Higher payroll taxes that shrink every paycheck

This isn't theoretical. These increases will have immediate, painful consequences for families across the state. While ODOT continues to operate without clear accountability or measurable results, we're being told to dig even deeper into our pockets. That's unacceptable.

If this amendment passes, it won't be an inconvenience—it'll be a crisis. It means deciding between filling up the gas tank or feeding our families.

I'm urging you: Vote NO on this amendment. Demand transparency and accountability before asking Oregonians for more money. We are not ATMs. We are taxpayers, workers, and families who deserve better.

Respectfully,
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