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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Subject: NO on HB 2025 Amendment – Oregonians on Tight Budgets Can't Afford This

To the Joint Committee on Transportation,

My name is Mark Newton, and I live in Grants Pass, Oregon. I'm writing to oppose the proposed amendment to HB 2025, which would raise taxes and fees by \$11.7 billion—a crushing blow to working Oregonians like me.

I live on a tight budget. Every dollar counts. Gas, food, housing, utilities—it's all going up. I don't have the extra money to pay:

12¢ more per gallon at the pump

Hundreds or thousands more to buy a vehicle

Higher taxes on every paycheck

This isn't just about numbers on paper—this will directly hurt people like me who are trying to make ends meet. You're asking families and workers to pay more, while ODOT hasn't shown real accountability for how it spends the money it already has.

If this amendment passes, many of us will be forced to make even tougher choices—whether to fill the gas tank or put food on the table.

I urge you to vote NO on this amendment. Before demanding more from taxpayers, fix what's broken first. We deserve transparency, efficiency, and respect—not to be treated like walking wallets.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,
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