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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

I am writing to respectfully urge you to oppose Oregon House Bill 2025. While I appreciate the state's urgent need to address transportation infrastructure, this bill relies heavily on steep new taxes and fees that will place a disproportionate burden on working families, small businesses, and transitioning industries.

In an era of rising living costs, these increases will disproportionately impact low- and middle-income Oregonians—especially those in rural areas who depend on vehicles for essential travel and have few transit alternatives.

While it's important to ensure road funding keeps pace with EV adoption, HB2025 mandates a per-mile road usage charge or a flat \$340 annual fee starting in July 2026.

This fee structure:

Disincentivizes EV adoption, which is vital to meeting climate goals.

Excludes higher-mileage users from benefiting from lower fuel costs, undermining the incentive to switch to cleaner vehicles.

In closing, while protecting and modernizing Oregon's infrastructure is essential, HB2025 goes too far, too fast—imposing an excessive, potentially regressive tax burden on Oregonians and risking broad public rejection. I urge you to vote NO and work toward a more balanced, transparent, and equitable approach.

Thank you for considering my concerns and for your continued public service.