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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

As a small business owner, I urge you to oppose HB 2025.

The tax increases which are proposed are inequitable and adversely affect rural operations that cannot function without affordable fuel costs and have no viable alternatives. Electric vehicles and equipment simply cannot do the jobs necessary.

These projects benefit the masses, but the costs are borne largely by those that must travel the farthest and will see the fewest improvements.

Transportation requires funding, but efficiency and accountability define the value of those investments. Taxes should be raised in an equitable manner and taxpayers must realize the most value for their investment. Oversight and reforms need to be implemented to ensure that each project is completed as efficiently as possible. Oregon's tax and spend mentality must end.

Thank you for your time and consideration.