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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I respectfully submit this testimony in strong opposition to House Bill 2025.

Oregon taxpayers cannot afford more taxes. Period.

While families across our state tighten their belts, stretch every dollar, and make difficult choices just to keep food on the table and gas in the tank, ODOT continues to barrel forward with bloated budgets, poor planning, and billion-dollar “oopsies” like we saw just months ago. It's beyond tone-deaf, it's offensive.

HB 2025 proposes layer upon layer of new taxes and fee increases that will hit every Oregonian who dares to drive a car or run a business. Gas taxes, registration fees, road usage charges, EV penalties... you name it, they're trying to raise it.

Meanwhile, ODOT wants more money with virtually no reforms, no accountability, and no consequences. That's not how the real world works. Oregon families don't get to mismanage their finances and then ask their neighbors to bail them out, we adapt. So should ODOT.

It's time the agency lives within its means like the rest of us. Buckle up, buttercup, it's called a budget.

Please vote NO on HB 2025.

Sincerely,
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