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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

As a business owner working in Oregon's construction industry, I'm writing in opposition to HB 2025 and its proposed \$11 billion tax package.

This bill commits Oregonians to 10 years of new taxes — including increases on gas, diesel, weight-mile, and per-mile usage — during a time when residents and small businesses are already under pressure. We're being asked to fund a decade's worth of projects with limited public discussion and no clear roadmap for how these priorities were selected or ranked.

Some of the proposals being discussed — including Amtrak expansion, a potential lid over I-5, and large-scale planning studies — may have value someday, but this isn't the moment to pursue them. Oregon needs to focus on basic infrastructure maintenance and economic stability first.

Why aren't we funding this for just two years — like every other part of the budget? Why not see how the next two years go — both in terms of ODOT's compliance and audit performance, and how Oregonians are doing financially. We don't need to lock in a 10-year plan while the economy is still recovering and key agencies are under scrutiny for past mismanagement.

I urge their body and the legislature to take a step back. Prioritize the essentials. And don't commit working Oregonians to a decade of new taxes without full transparency, public input, and fiscal discipline.

Respectfully,  
Angela Todd