To: Members of the Oregon House Committee on Revenue

Re: Opposition to HB 2025

Date: June 26, 2025

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing today to express my strong opposition to House Bill 2025.

Oregonians are already struggling under the weight of record inflation, rising housing costs, and skyrocketing prices at the pump and grocery store. The last thing working families need right now is an \$11.5 billion increase in taxes and fees over the next ten years.

HB 2025 proposes the following devastating hikes:

- A 30% increase in the gas tax
- A 305% increase in title fees
- A 74% increase in vehicle registration fees
- A 350% increase in the car sales tax

These are not marginal adjustments. These are burdens that fall squarely on the shoulders of working Oregonians—those who rely on their vehicles to get to work, take their children to school, and care for their families.

We've heard these promises before: that increased taxes will lead to better roads, safer bridges, and more efficient infrastructure. But what we've seen instead are billion-dollar accounting errors at ODOT, questionable project spending, and traffic congestion that continues to worsen.

I support real, responsible investment in our state's infrastructure. But I do not support pushing the cost of that investment onto Oregon families who are already overburdened. HB 2025 is not the solution. It's a step backward.

I urge you to reject this bill and instead pursue fiscally responsible transportation solutions that don't come at the expense of everyday Oregonians.

Respectfully, Gregg and Sandra Kellogg Keizer, Oregon