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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Chair Gorsek, Chair McLain, and Committee members,

I oppose HB 2025 because only addresses revenue and not how funds are spent. This bill unfairly targets rural Oregonians who depend on fuel and transportation. As a farmer I can't absorb triple payroll taxes and vehicle fee hikes. Look at the economics of Agriculture, farmers are in the midst of low commodity prices, check with the ODA, farm gate revenue is down. Farmers simply can't afford added fuel and vehicle taxes.

To me one of the most disheartening aspects is that there are no clear guarantees that rural roads and bridges which are already underfunded and in disrepair will receive adequate investment. Highway use funds should be tied directly to repair and maintenance of roads and bridges.

Regards,
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