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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

To the Committee on Transportation Reinvestment:

I am opposed to HB 2025 which is an outrage and unnecessary tax increase on all Oregonians. We already have pretty much the second highest price per gallon for gasoline in the nation, right behind California. The national price per gallon has dropped across the country with today's price average for Oregon at \$4.06/gallon compared to the national average of \$3.22/gallon. The rough average per gallon in my area was about \$3.22/gal in January and has done nothing but increase ever since. So, adding additional gas tax per gallon is counter productive.

We also already have in place automatic increases for title and registration fees that passed several years ago, even after many of us voted against it, we were overruled. So, increasing these fees by as much as 300% is totally ludicrous and unnecessary. Finally, we do not officially have sales tax in Oregon, but you legislators have somehow found ways to circumvent our state constitution and create special sales taxes for specific items. Leave our automobiles alone and allow us as independent and free individuals to have the right to choose exactly the kind of transportation that works best for us. Where I live it is totally out of the question to own or use an electric vehicle and I for one will never choose to go that direction or make that choice. So, quit trying to penalize me for your desire to force something down my throat that is neither feasible, nor do I want. This is the United State of America and it should remain my choice to be allowed to make the choices that best fit my needs, not those of you in Salem who were supposed to be elected to represent my choices, but in reality do nothing which resembles actually representing those who elected you.

Thank you,
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