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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Statement Against Oregon House Bill 2025

As a hardworking Oregonian, I strongly oppose House Bill 2025, which would impose a massive tax increase on our already overburdened taxpayers. This bill, projected to cost Oregon households over \$1,140 annually by 2034, unfairly targets those of us who are already struggling to make ends meet. Not everyone pays taxes, and for those of us who do, this additional \$1,000 per year is a crushing blow. I'm working 60 hours a week and commuting over two hours per day, skipping lunches, and forgoing vacations just to keep up with the rising cost of living and ever-increasing taxes. There is nothing left to give.

My body is wearing out—I've replaced one joint and looking at more joint replacements from years of grueling work—and yet, I face nothing but more taxes. I've saved for retirement, but I'm now forced to consider leaving Oregon to escape this relentless tax burden. My retirement money will be spent elsewhere, not in Oregon, because I can't afford to stay. HB 2025 is pushing dedicated, hardworking people like me out of the state. We're tired, stretched beyond our limits, and cannot bear another tax hike. I urge lawmakers to reject HB 2025 and prioritize the financial well-being of Oregon's taxpayers.

**WE ARE CITIZENS NOT TAX SLAVES!!!**

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