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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing today in opposition to the proposed and amended HB 2025, which would impose an unprecedented \$11.7 billion in new taxes and fees on Oregonians over the next decade.

This amendment proposes nearly 20 new taxes and fee increases.

The scale of these increases is staggering and would make this one of the largest tax hikes in Oregon's history. All this is being pushed without adequate reforms or accountability from ODOT, a department that has faced ongoing concerns about inefficiency and mismanagement.

As an Oregonian and County Commissioner, I support responsible infrastructure investment, but it must be transparent, equitable, and fiscally sound. This proposal is none of those things. It places a disproportionate burden on middle and working-class families, rural communities, and small business owners, those who can least afford it. All while those same rural communities are faced with continued neglect on our roads infrastructure.

There are just days left in the session, and this is being rushed without meaningful public input or thorough fiscal review. I urge you to slow down, reject this bill, and come back with a plan next session that reflects Oregon values: stewardship, fairness, and responsibility.

Please vote no and protect Oregonians from this crushing tax hike.

Courtney Bangs
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