

In Opposition to HB 2025.

Dear Legislature

I am writing this letter in hopes of expressing how the above-mentioned bill will devastate what is already a declining financial environment in my Oregon.

I am a 73-year-old Oregonian born and raised in our beautiful state. I am retired and my wife and I rely solely on my retirement funds and her work from home employment. In our case, which I can rightfully assume is similar to millions of Oregonians, we must keep our spending below our income. We don't have the luxury of burdening others for extra income to meet our needs. We must be financially responsible with our money and if we can't meet our personal budget, then we must cut out our personal spending, plain and simple.

HB 2025 will impose a burden on us. Our local government is already taxing us and raising rates that will require sacrifices to make our financial needs affordable. Our visits to family will be reduced, our dependence on basic service may become untenable. Buying a newer vehicle to replace an ageing one will be eliminated. We have been trimming our budget for the last several years and if this bill is passed, we will need to reevaluate if we can even afford to live in the home that we purchased 26 years ago.

My wife and I both believe that the State of Oregon must follow simple guidelines, however painful it is to reduce spending in lieu of adding more taxes.

I oppose HB 2025

Respectfully,

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