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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

NO ON HB 2025-28

To whom it may concern,

My name is Tony Walters with Highway Heavy Hauling, a trucking company located in Portland, Oregon. I am writing to you about bill HB 2025-28.

Below are some key points about why this bill is so bad for trucking:

- The amended bill removes language that ensures trucking can adjust weight mile taxes if the Highway Cost Allocation Study shows inequity.
- The bill includes a 12-cent gas and diesel tax increase starting in 2026. Starting in 2028, trucking will pay that diesel rate PLUS an increased weight mile tax rate.
- This package was developed in secret – payers of the transportation system were never invited to the table to discuss the policy or rates in the bill.
- This bill significantly increases dozens of transportation related fees and adds new ones. Many of these fee increases are greater than 100%.
- The bill will unfairly divert Highway Trust Fund dollars—revenue paid by car and truck owners to maintain Oregon's roads—to non-highway uses.