

To the legislature,

As a young mom Oregon born and raised, I'm watching my friends and neighbors, hardworking people like me, struggle to survive paycheck to paycheck in an economy that feels rigged against us. We're drowning under high property taxes, skyrocketing rent, and a cost of living that keeps climbing while our wages barely keep up. Even with a good job, I'm scraping by, cutting corners on groceries and childcare just to pay the bills. It's heartbreaking to see my peers unable to save for a home or plan for the future—nobody feels like they can get ahead in this state.

I'm begging our lawmakers not to pass HB 2025's proposed tax increases. Adding more to our gas, vehicle, and payroll taxes will crush families already stretched thin, driving even more businesses and jobs out of Oregon. We need relief, not new burdens that make it harder to afford basics like fuel and car ownership. If life gets much harder here, people like me who can afford to leave, will. The tax base will further erode and burden those who can't afford to relocate. Please, listen to the families struggling to make ends meet and reject this bill to give us a fighting chance to build a stable life here.

Thank you for your consideration,
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