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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Chair, Vice Chairs, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to strongly oppose HB 2025. I work full-time for adidas and earn \$81,000 a year before taxes — and yet, like many others in Oregon, I'm barely staying afloat.

I drive about 15 miles each way to work, and I rely on my car to make a living. After rent, groceries, utilities, and other essential bills, there's almost nothing left at the end of the month. I'm doing my best to budget, build savings, and work toward one of my biggest goals: buying my first home. But it feels further and further out of reach.

HB 2025 would only make that worse. The bill proposes:

A 15¢ per gallon gas tax increase.

New taxes on car purchases — even used cars.

Higher DMV fees.

A future per-mile tax on drivers like me.

These changes don't just add up on paper — they add up in real life, in my wallet, and in the lives of people already struggling with affordability in this state. The timing is just wrong.

It feels like this bill punishes working people who are doing everything right but still can't get ahead. I'm not asking for a handout — just a chance to not fall behind further.

Oregon absolutely needs better infrastructure, but this is not the right way to fund it. Please take a hard look at the impact this bill will have on everyday residents like me. I urge you to vote no on HB 2025 or, at the very least, remove the tax and fee hikes that hit working people the hardest.

Thank you for your time.