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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

To:

Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment

Oregon State Legislature

900 Court Street NE

Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Opposition to House Bill 2025 - \$11.7 Billion Transportation Tax Package

Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the amended version of House Bill 2025, which proposes to raise \$11.7 billion in new and increased taxes and fees over the next decade. As an Oregonian deeply concerned with the financial well-being of working families across the state, I believe this legislation places an unfair and disproportionate burden on taxpayers during an already challenging economic time.

While I support the need for strong infrastructure and reliable transportation, this bill does not address the root problem of budget mismanagement. Oregon's state budget has more than doubled over the last ten years, yet our roads and bridges remain in poor condition. This raises serious questions about accountability and fiscal responsibility in the allocation of existing resources.

Additionally, this proposal risks increasing the cost of living for working families who are already struggling to make ends meet. From filling up at the gas station to purchasing a vehicle or commuting to work, these tax hikes will touch nearly every aspect of daily life and for many, that added financial stress may be too much to bear.

Instead of raising taxes, I urge the legislature to first audit current transportation and infrastructure expenditures, reduce unnecessary spending, and prioritize essential services. Oregon must live within its means, just as its residents do every day.

I respectfully ask that you vote NO on HB 2025 and instead pursue transparent, fiscally responsible alternatives that strengthen our infrastructure without overburdening our citizens.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Sasha Wolfe
Redmond, Oregon

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