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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

To the Members of the Oregon State Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 2025. While intended to address transportation needs, this bill imposes over 35 new taxes and fees, placing an undue financial burden on Oregon families and businesses already grappling with a high cost of living. Public sentiment, as reflected in recent discussions, indicates that only 3% of voters prioritize roads as a top concern, suggesting a disconnect between this legislation and the needs of Oregonians.

Furthermore, the bill's development lacked transparency, with limited public input and rushed committee processes. This approach undermines trust in governance. The proposed \$15 billion in new taxes, without clear evidence of delivering promised infrastructure improvements, risks further economic strain without guaranteed benefits.

I urge you to reconsider HB 2025 and prioritize policies that reflect the needs and voices of Oregonians. Thank you for your attention to this matter.