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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3402
Chair, Vice-Chairs, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing today in strong opposition to HB 3402.

This bill raises gas taxes and vehicle fees without delivering meaningful improvements for everyday Oregonians. Instead of making smart, equitable investments in our communities, HB 3402 preserves ODOT's budget while cutting essential funding for cities, counties, transit, and safety.

At a time when traffic deaths and serious injuries are surging, HB 3402 cuts safety programs like Great Streets and Safe Routes to School. It abandons Oregon Community Paths and fails to invest in critical off-street infrastructure, e-bikes, micromobility, or climate action. Transit agencies, already struggling to maintain service, are left without the support they need. Local governments are asked to do more with less, while basic needs like sidewalks, crossings, and potholes go unaddressed.

This bill also represents a failure of process. It allows last-minute changes driven by the auto industry and the minority party, ignoring broad-based public input and leaving frontline communities behind.

We had a better option. HB 2025 would have provided over \$1 billion in safety investments and long-term support for local infrastructure. It offered a chance to prevent thousands of injuries and deaths and to build a transportation system that works for all Oregonians.

I urge you to reject HB 3402 and demand a real transportation package—one that prioritizes safety, transit, local government support, and climate readiness. Oregonians deserve transparent, accountable leadership and a transportation system that reflects the needs of the 30 percent of us who do not drive.

Thank you for your time and consideration.