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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3402

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

As a Native American mother working hard to give my daughter access to early college opportunities, I am writing in strong opposition to HB 3402A.

We drive 30 miles each way to campus, —that's 360 miles per week. I'm already spending about \$100 a week just to get her to school and back.

If HB 3402A passes, raising the gas tax from 34¢ to 43¢ per gallon, that adds \$20–\$25 more per month, just to get my child to class. That might not mean much to some, but for working families like mine, it adds up fast.

And this bill doesn't stop there. It also proposes:

Raising vehicle registration from \$43 to \$64

Doubling title fees from \$77 to \$168

This bill also gives the Governor new authority to appoint the ODOT Director, increasing centralized control with minimal legislative accountability. Yet ODOT has already come under scrutiny for waste and inefficiency.

Republican lawmakers have proposed practical alternatives—eliminating vacant ODOT positions and leasing unused office space to generate funding without raising taxes. These common-sense ideas show that ODOT already has resources they're not using wisely. Why reward mismanagement with even more unchecked power and money?

This isn't just a tax bill—it's a power shift and a blank check for an agency that has yet to prove it can spend responsibly.

Please, vote NO on HB 3402A and demand a more transparent, cost-effective, and accountable approach to transportation funding.