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On Behalf Of:
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hair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of HB 4137.

This bill addresses a very real and common problem for people who sell vehicles in good faith. I have personally sold multiple vehicles where the buyer took a long time — if they ever did — to register the vehicle in their own name. During that time, the vehicle still appeared under my account with the Oregon DMV, even though I no longer owned it or had any control over it.

When a traffic citation is issued to a vehicle, the notice often goes to the last registered owner on record. Under the current system, that can mean former owners are forced to deal with tickets for vehicles they no longer possess. That creates unnecessary stress, paperwork, and sometimes court appearances for something they had nothing to do with.

HB 4137 provides a simple and reasonable solution. It allows a previous owner to notify the court that they transferred ownership before the traffic offense occurred and therefore are not responsible. This does not excuse violations — it simply directs accountability to the person who actually owned and operated the vehicle at the time.

Once a vehicle is sold and the seller has properly transferred interest, liability should follow control of the vehicle. The current gap between private sales and updated DMV records leaves too much room for innocent people to get caught in the middle. This bill helps close that gap in a fair and efficient way.

HB 4137 supports common-sense accountability while reducing unnecessary burdens on former vehicle owners and the court system.

I respectfully urge you to support HB 4137.

Thank you for your consideration.

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