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Subject:

Passenger Rail in Oregon

My name is Kate Poet. I am sixteen and I am a sophomore at North Medford High School. I heard that you are voting on whether or not to continue to fund passenger rail. I would like to voice my opinion. It matters to my generation that we have passenger rail. When I go to college I would like to be able to ride the train down to Medford to visit my parents. I would like to be able to ride the train from Klamath Falls to Portland with my children. I would like to ride the train because it keeps people off the roads, it is safer, and, as the population of Oregon grows, more roads will need to be made and maintained. It is better for the environment because it means fewer cars on the road. As a young person planning on going to college, it would be better for me, financially, to spend the money to ride the train, than to spend the thousands of dollars it takes to buy and maintain a car. The Oregon I want for my future and my children's future has passenger rail.