Dear Senator Prozanski:

As a resident of the Oak Grove neighborhood of Clackamas County, the Orange Line is a fantastic boon to my community.

I advocated for the creation of the Light Rail Orange Line and served on the Citizens Advisory Committee for many years.

HB 4097 is seriously flawed.

We need police to be able to back up the TriMet Fare inspectors. Fare inspectors have a dangerous job, averaging one assault every week.

Public transportation must be safe for everyone.

It makes no sense for the legislature to limit or prohibit the Transit Police from backing the inspectors on light rail.

HB 4097 will create danger and flies in the face of study after study showing that riders want more police. Not fewer.

This bill makes the existing transit police unable to help in any situation. Transit Police must be able to help whenever the need arises.

Please cancel HB 4097.

Thank you for your service.

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