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Dear Chair Bynum, Vice-Chair Noble, Vice-Chair Power, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Ana Molina, and I am with Beyond Toxics a statewide environmental justice organization working on advancing policies that ensure meaningful participation and cultivate grassroots leadership from Oregon's frontline and impacted communities. Established in 2001, we are a multicultural, inter-generational team dedicated to centering community leaders and building out the true diversity of our state's vibrant Environmental Justice movement. As an organization that works at the intersection of race and public health we ask you to support HB 2482, transit justice and equity for BIPOC and low-income Oregonians.

Just as we believe that all Oregonians should have equitable access to clean air, clean water, and safe spaces for all to live and work in. We support that all Oregonians should also have access to a safe, accessible, and equitable public transportation. For many Oregonians of Color and low-income Oregonians, that is not the case. Our BIPOC communities are regularly subjected to racial profiling and over policing while utilizing the public good of transit.

HB 2482 would accomplish three tasks that would greatly improve the experience of marginalized Oregonians on public transit.

1. Prohibits police officers from acting as fare enforcement;
2. Protects individuals who use a name different than the one on their government-issued ID;
3. Ensures that police officers cannot charge an individual with the crime of interfering with public transit just because they do not have proof of fare payment.

Safety on public transit needs to include the protection of our constitutional rights to utilize public goods and spaces without the fear of criminalization because of systemic racism and classism. Again, I implore you to support HB2482

Sincerely,
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