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Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE, Room 331
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Support for HB 4105A

Chair Prozanski and Members of the Committee:

We write on behalf of the City of Bend to urge your support for HB 4105A authorizing “traffic enforcement agents,” in addition to police officers, to review violations stemming from automated traffic enforcement (ATE). This change in state law would allow Bend to better ensure our people are safe when they travel throughout our city. Critically, this expansion of our traffic safety tools is necessary to allow cities like ours to effectively and efficiently use ATE. Automating traffic enforcement, in a revenue-neutral manner, is key to ensuring equitable policing in our community and meeting our aggressive climate action goals. The current approach is fiscally unsustainable for Bend. We currently have several law enforcement positions open. We need to expand our use of technology to better support our law enforcement officers and serve our community.

We need to reduce traffic injuries and deaths now. People’s rational fear of alternative transportation options are kneecapping our ability to reduce vehicle miles travelled. Removing barriers to our use of ATE is one part of making pedestrians, people with disabilities, and cyclists and other users safer in our system.

ATE is a critical tool in reducing racial disparities in policing. Removing ATE constraints, while ensuring that ATE does not disproportionately impact low-income users and communities of color in Bend, will help us meet our goal of improving equity in our City. We commend you for taking this issue up and helping places like Bend be safer and more just for all Oregonians.

Sincerely,

Councilor Anthony Broadman
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