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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Education
Measure: HB3014

Dear Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs Zach Hudson and Boomer Wright, and members of the committee:

I am writing in support of this common sense bill. It is a practical solution to our bus driver shortage. Just as important, we want our children to get to school safely, and we also want our communities to be calmer, cleaner and more pleasant.

Currently, we have thousands of cars criss-crossing Eugene at school pick-up and drop off times. Daily, cars are lined up for blocks in front of some schools, idling and spewing toxic exhaust while our children weave in and out of rows of cars with distracted drivers.

HB 3014 would provide needed flexibility to pay for transportation options that would make our students safer and improve our livability. Bike and walking buses, park and stride programs and crossing guards would all be improvements, and funding is needed to launch and sustain such programs.

Thank you for your consideration. Please pass HB 3014!

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