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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Rob Kinney and I live in SW Portland. I am writing today in support of HB 3014. Our schools need to support alternative ways to get to school.

I have 3 kids (5, 7 and 9) and 2 of them go to school at Maplewood Elementary, the Portland Public School in our neighborhood.

I started organizing a bike bus and riding our bikes to school this year and it is amazing. The kids are happier, feel empowered, feel closer to their school community and are proud of being able to get to school with their own bodies.

This bill will help schools find other ways to get kids to school safely and on time.

Right now the bus system is not reliable enough for kids to ride. There has been a driver shortage and often times there have been mechanical delays. And the kids don't like riding the bus. We live 1.2 miles away from the school and the bus would take 45 minutes. Our bike bus takes less than 10 minutes at a leisurely pace. This bill will be the start to allowing schools to think more creatively and support amazing projects like the bike bus throughout Oregon.