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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: SB16

Dear members of the committee,

Rail transportation is an incredibly pressing need for our region, as environmental concerns grow ever more pressing, and the number of cars on our roads imposes greater costs on our communities and budgets, as evidenced by the rising tide of road deaths both nationwide and within Oregon. Rail transportation on its own cannot fix this unless funding is diverted from our dangerous and expensive auto-oriented transportation system, but having a strong rail backbone for our transit system is a precondition for transitioning away from car dependence. Therefore I urge you all to support this bill.

Thank you for your time.