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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: SB14

Co-Chair Gorsek and McLain, Co-Vice-Chair Boquist and Boshart Davis, and members of the Committee.

I am writing to express my strong support for SB14, which requires the Department of Transportation to study options for expanding passenger rail service in Oregon and to submit their findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation no later than September 15, 2024.

I believe that improving transportation infrastructure and expanding access to transportation options is critical to the well-being and economic development of our state. The benefits of expanded passenger rail service are numerous, including reducing congestion on our highways, improving air quality, providing affordable and efficient transportation options, and promoting economic development in communities along the rail lines.

I believe that this bill is in line with my policy platforms of transportation and economic development. By investing in passenger rail service, we can create jobs and stimulate economic growth, particularly in rural areas where access to transportation can be limited.

I urge you to vote in favor of SB14 and support the expansion of passenger rail service in Oregon. Thank you for your consideration.