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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB2662

I support HB 2662. Extending the existing commuter line from Wilsonville to Salem would be excellent. It would reduce congestion and accidents on I-5, and fewer vehicles will reduce emissions/pollution, improving air quality. It would also reduce the stress of travel between Portland and Salem. I'm glad to see that the Salem City Council unanimously supports HB 2662 as well.

I would like to see the rail service be more frequent than just during commuting "rush" hours. Having regular, frequent rail service between Portland and Salem could be particularly beneficial for Oregonians who need transportation on this route outside of "rush" hours, such as our veterans who don't have regular transportation to receive services only available to them in the Portland area. It would also benefit many state legislators and their staff, state employees, students, and tourists.

Ideally, I would like us to have high-speed rail between Vancouver, B.C., and San Diego, CA.

I urge you to support HB 2662. We need expanded rail service from Wilsonville to Salem.