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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: HB3014

I am the mom of 2 fourth graders at Beach Elementary School in Portland, and a member of the Oregon and SW Washington chapter of Families for Safe Streets. Please support HB 3014 so that schools can use transportation funding to support families who want to walk or bike to school. It would make a huge difference to families who would like their children to experience walking or biking, but may be limited by mobility, time, or work schedules. I am personally appalled at our school's practice of letting 5th graders "volunteer" as crossing guards, considering the best-selling cars in the U.S. have hood heights that put these children directly in the vehicles' blind spots. Crossing guards, bike bus, and walking school bus leaders should be paid professionals. This has the potential to expand access to safe walking and biking for all children, not those who are lucky enough to have a parent or school volunteer to help them. Please vote yes on HB 3014!