



February 13, 2024

Senate Committee on Judiciary,

We represent TriMet's Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT). The Committee was established in 1985 to advise the TriMet Board of Directors on issues of accessibility of TriMet vehicles, service and systems. One of the greatest impediments currently negatively impacting people with disabilities access to the transit system is specifically related to the drug epidemic in and around TriMet's system, elevators, and paths of travel.

We have closely examined the provisions outlined in Senate Bill 1553 and encourage you to consider our endorsement in keeping transit safe, accessible and reliable for our whole community. The Executive Committee of the Committee on Accessible Transportation are writing to express their full support and approval of Senate Bill 1553.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We remain committed to working together towards a more accessible and inclusive transportation system for all.

Sincerely,

Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT) - Executive Committee
Jan Campbell, Chair
Claudia Robertson, Vice Chair
Patricia Kepler, Member at Large
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