



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 to system access for people who experience disability 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  
Annadiana Johnson, Member at Large