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All Oregonians deserve the opportunity to visit our State Capitol—regardless of whether they own a car. Despite the close proximity of our largest cities, train service is surprisingly limited, with only three daily trips connecting Portland, Salem, and Eugene. I plan to travel from Portland to Salem this March to engage with our democracy, but the earliest train arrives in Salem at 12:20 PM, causing me to miss crucial meetings with legislators unless I have access to a car. For the sake of inclusive and robust democratic participation, Oregon must invest more in passenger rail services.