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On Behalf Of:
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Dear Joint Committee on Transportation,

My name is Jacob Apenes. I'm 26 years old, a lifelong Portlander, and terrified of the climate crisis and my future. With that fear comes the need to act: the desire to tell you how scared I am and what you can do to help. With transportation consisting 35% of our state's carbon emissions, offering useful opportunities to travel the state without a car is a great way to tackle these emissions.

Expanded train service would help Oregonians travel to work, see family, and go on vacation. I would also personally benefit by being able to see family in Central Oregon or talk to you all in Salem without a car.

Oregon should be planning for intercity travel throughout our entire state, with trains arriving every hour—24 hours a day. Funding expanded train service or studies to expand service is a great step towards that reality.

Thank you,
Jacob Apenes