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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB458

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Oregon State Legislature

Attn: Joint Transportation Committee
Salem, Oregon

To those on the J.T.C.,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill (SB) 458, for an examination study to be conducted concerning the road conditions from the Astoria-Megler Bridge to the Lewis and Clark Bridge along U.S. Hwy. 30.

My wife & I have been residents of Clatskanie going on 7 years now and depend on Highway 30 every day to get to work. My wife has been commuting East to work at Wesco Boots factory, from Clatskanie to Scappoose for the entirety of that 7 years. I, for the past 3 1/2 years, have been commuting West to work at the Georgia Pacific~Wauna Mill facility. During this fore mentioned time period we have heard about, read about, been held up by closure & witnessed firsthand numerous vehicle collisions; many of which have been life changing for those involved & life ending for more than I care to count.

As workers that rely on this specific single route, as it is for all our coworkers & most who live/work in this area, we feel that a great many improvements need to be implemented. There are several areas on Hwy. 30 that are extremely dangerous during anything but, perfect driving conditions. Even then many of those areas are still very hazardous. With the lack of signage, the absence of necessary guardrails, misleading curves, blind spots, lack of turning lanes, no emergency shoulders, narrow lanes and worst of all... the lane paint is all but invisible in many sections. There have been four fatalities on Clatskanie Hill alone in the past couple of years, on the same curve. To the West of Clatskanie, we are beginning to see small rockslides again. Although the severe slide area currently is Bradley Hill, which seems to have had its temporary fix with no follow up to a more permanent solution.

This highway is a pretty significant artery of commerce, as well as this community's necessity for first responders, emergency transportation, servicing to our electric & communications grid & our children's school buses. The frequent closures that occur on this section of Hwy. 30 impact all these things & more. Improvement is necessary to this section of the 30, not to mention the entire highway. The negative impact on our community's safety & economy has been showing itself

for years. Please support SB 458, allowing funds to be used in regard to this imperative matter.

Sincerely,
Corey

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