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On Behalf Of:  
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Hello Co-chairs Gorsek and McLain and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation. My name is Susan Bolgiano and I live in Halfway, Oregon.

I support House Bill 3362.

This bill is critical to fund clean transportation options for Oregonians, such as rail passenger trains. It is about providing choices and opportunities for communities. It's not about forcing people out of their cars.

As I understand, the revenue raised by this bill would be split 50% towards public transit, with a specific intent to be used for passenger rail. We in Baker County lost our passenger rail system in the 90's. Winter weather conditions all too frequently close the I-84 interstate while trains can continue through.

In the last year Eastern Oregon has lost intercity bus service. It is now impossible for myself and others in the surrounding area (Baker County) to travel to Boise or Portland and any city in-between without access to a car. I would urge you to support your constituents in passing this bill and in using the funds generated by this bill to bring back both the train and intercity bus service.

We have an aging population needing access to medical facilities in larger areas such as Boise, ID and Portland, OR. Using funds generated by this bill and restoring passenger rail and intercity bus service would be an enormous service to the constituents in Eastern Oregon.

This bill would cut down maintenance on our roads caused by the wear and tear of cars.

I strongly urge your YES vote for House Bill 3362.

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