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Dear Members:

I live in Portland and have appointments and friends in Salem. In the past, I have commuted between Salem and Portland along I5. My husband spent ten years commuting to Salem from Portland on I5. It is a long, stressful and exhausting commute in heavy traffic no matter the time of day. Accidents are common, with the concomitant injury, destruction and death involved. In addition, the smog created by this traffic contributes to poor health outcomes for people living and working near this road, and dramatically increases our carbon footprint.

Every time I prepare to drive to Salem, I always think to myself: I wish I could take light rail.

What a boon for tourism, as well! Tourists without cars can visit Salem or Eugene. We could sell ticket packages specifically designed for tourists.

Let's make it happen. Despite--or to spite--the current political chaos on the national level, we can continue to make Oregon the best place to live.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of all Oregonians.