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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3453

Dear Co-Chair McLain, Co-Chair Gorsek, Vice-Chair Boshart-Davis, Vice-Chair Starr, and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

I am a fifth-generation Oregonian and support HB 3453. This bill will give us another option other than driving to travel from here to Salem and eventually Eugene for many popular events. Additionally, it will reduce congestion and greenhouse-gas emissions from driving in the Willamette Valley.

I am 73 years old and no longer drive more than a few miles. I'd love to go to the state fair or an OSU football game on occasion. (Go Ducks!) An extended WES line will let me do so and also help reduce air pollution in the cities and towns along the I-5 corridor. That's something we all need to do and feel good about, reduce air pollution to slow climate change. We cannot continue to do business as usual. We have to CHANGE our ways.

I see this bill as a long-term solution that reaches far into our future and an important addition to the mobility of rural communities for health care, hospital care, shopping, entertainment, and many other venues.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 3453. I urge you to vote in support of this bill.

Regards,  
Denise Caire