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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3453

Dear Co-Chair McLain, Co-Chair Gorsek, and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 3453. The Westside commuter rail is an investment in thriving, connected, and climate-friendly communities. These are values that Oregonians care about and are the many reasons why people choose to live and work here.

Accessible, affordable, and climate-friendly transportation across the Willamette Valley would benefit everyone. As an individual living in Portland who frequently travels to Eugene and Salem for work, I can personally attest to the value this railway would provide. It would significantly improve connectivity and make climate-friendly travel more accessible for many people, including those with situations similar to mine.

With the broad support this bill has garnered, I urge the committee to pass it and help move Oregon toward a more sustainable, equitable future.

Thank you for your consideration.
Bridget O'Brien