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On Behalf Of:
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Dear Legislators,

I am a resident of Portland who works in the electronics industry. Many of the jobs I've worked while living in Portland have not been in Portland itself, but in the areas surrounding Portland, particularly in the western hills. I have had many frustrating experiences just trying to get to work on time while using TriMet's bus and MAX lines, and I know one coworker who was fired from their job due to all-too-frequent late arrivals that were outside of their control.

However, when I had a job in Tigard, I used to ride the WES from the Beaverton Transit Center almost to the front door of my office. The frustrations I regularly experience riding the rest of our public transit system are almost eliminated when I ride the WES. The train is almost always on time, the traincar is clean, and it don't experience nearly as many breakdowns as the MAX.

The WES is highly effective public transit, and we should use it to its full potential. Please establish the Westside Express Service Authority and give more Oregonians the opportunity to use this fast, comfortable and affordable transportation option. Other Oregonians deserve this just as much as Portlanders do.

Thank you for all you do.