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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2945

Dear Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Members of the Committee,

My name is Meagan Golec, and I live in Portland. I urge you to support HB 2945 and the -1 Amendment, which will accelerate Oregon's transition to zero-emission school buses. This bill is a common-sense and urgently needed investment in the health of our children, the air we breathe, and the future we are building for Oregon..

I am the mother of a middle schooler. We are fortunate and live within walking distance of his school, and therefore do not rely on the school bus to transport him. I worry, though, about all the children who do ride the bus and who are stuck breathing in exhaust fumes for the duration of their ride. Children's lungs are susceptible to harm from toxins, causing damage that can affect them for the rest of their lives. Even the children who do not rely on the bus to get to school are still exposed to those fumes as the busses load and unload students.

HB 2945 is not just a smart climate policy — it's a moral imperative. It's about protecting our kids. It's about making communities healthier. It's about investing in the jobs of the future. And it's about building a clean, just transportation system for all Oregonians.

I urge you to support HB 2945 and to prioritize zero-emission transportation investments as part of Oregon's broader transportation funding package.

Thank you for your leadership and for your commitment to a healthier, more sustainable Oregon.

Sincerely,
Meagan Golec