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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

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Dear Committee members,

I'm writing in support of funding for Safe Routes and Great Streets. Oregon must not skimp on the critical infrastructure necessary to ensure kids get to school.

I cycle because I can't afford a car and the bus sometimes takes double the time to get me where I need to go. But every time I cycle on busy streets, I endanger my life. Bikes are hard for drivers to see even if we employ all the measures we can to be seen. I have had so many near misses where I had the right of way and the driver just didn't see me or where the driver didn't know the width of their gargantuan, climate-polluting SUV and passed me with only inches to spare. I'm about to give up on biking because it just feels stupidly dangerous. We know the policies and investments that can avoid drivers killing or injuring pedestrians and cyclists. Please commit to them.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Rachel Slocum