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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

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

My name is Blaine Ackley, and I live in Hillsboro. I'm writing today to support House Bill 2025 because I want safer streets for my family and my community.

Every day, I walk or bike along unsafe roads to get to school, work, or the store.

We've had too many close calls.

The Safe Routes to School and Great Streets programs will make our streets safer for everyone, especially kids, elders, and people who don't drive.

Finally, while I fully support on-street safety investments, they often lead nowhere if we don't also fund off-street connections. That is why I urge you to include funding for the Oregon Community Paths program to create a complete and connected network.

I urge you to support HB 2025 and fully fund these life-saving programs.

I also support the changes to the auditing of the ODOT and allowing the Governor to appoint the director with the concurrence of the center.