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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Support for HB 2025 – STIF funding

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

I write today in support of the increased transit funding and the STIF program in HB 2025. The increased funding for the STIF program in this package will help prevent significant cuts to public transit service across Oregon.

I do not own a vehicle (can't afford it) and I use the bus to get to work 4-5 days a week. I also use the bus/max to get to my doctor's appointments, grocery stores, and for fun things like exploring Portland neighborhoods or going out to eat. Not having affordable or any access to transit would be devestating to me.

While the funding proposed in this package is not enough to provide the additional transit service I would like to see, it will prevent Oregonians like me from being stranded without the transportation access I depend on. Please support HB 2025.

Sincerely, Kiley Melicker Portland, OR