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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 use transit to get to my job in downtown Portland when I am unable to get there by bike. Soon I will be having surgery and will be transit reliant for several months. I know there are so many others like me who would be devastated and completely stranded if there were any cuts to transit service. If funding were reduced, I would not be able to reach my job. I cannot afford an Uber for 2 months, and I am restricted from driving and biking during this time. There are tens of thousands of people who are reliant on transit to meet their basic, daily transportation needs. Any reductions or eliminations are unfathomable and negatively impact people's quality of life.

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,

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