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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

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

I write today in opposition of the increased transit funding and the STIF program in HB 2025.

I used to ride a bus daily to work when I had an office downtown. But since the pandemic, I've worked remotely. I still ride the bus a few times per year.

Most of the time, I see many empty seats as well as continued abuse of the transition system by the homeless. These folks refuse to pay and threaten the well-being of other passengers. I had to deal with this several times pre-pandemic as well.

Please have TriMet use their existing budget to address concerns before voting for yet another tax increase on the overtaxed citizens of Portland.

Sincerely,

Patrick Beeson

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