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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 and rely on transit daily (6-7d/wk) to commute to work, travel to appointments, run errands, and travel for recreation and leisure.
- I use several Trimet bus lines each week, mainly within Multnomah County. I use Trimet MAX approx once/month to travel to/from PDX airport as well as above listed transportation needs.
- If the transit service I use was taken away, it would increase traffic and parking congestion, increase city, county, and state road wear and tear, increase pollution, and . For me personally, it would increase travel times (transit is faster), increase personal expenses (vehicle wear and tear, fuel costs, parking costs), decrease personal effectiveness (transit allows for accomplishing tasks that are not possible while driving - like reading and responding to messages, making appointments, reading the news, etc), and decrease my daily physical activity (walking to/from transit stops), and increase my risk of being in a motor vehicle accident (per the American Public Transportation Association, traveling by public transport is 10 times safer per mile than traveling by automobile).

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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