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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 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 rely on transit to get to work, riding from SE Portland to downtown. I take the #19 bus, which is the only bus in my neighborhood (Brentwood-Darlington) that goes downtown, and it does not have frequent service. I am concerned that reduced transit funding would further limit my transit options in this underserved area of the city. If that happens, I will have to drive to work and pay not only for gas, but for parking as well. At \$12-15 per day, that is a significant amount of money that I can't afford. Furthermore, if I drive, I will contribute to traffic congestion and increase my environmental impact. On a personal note, I find driving very stressful and being forced to drive because of fewer transit options would negatively impact my mental health, especially because my decompression time between work and home will be taken away as well.

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.

Thank you for your time,  
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