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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 live in northeast Portland and use the bus to get to and from work in the Pearl in Portland every business today. This decreases traffic and related environmental pollution, decreases wear and tear on the road, and decreases the need for parking at work. I also use the bus, streetcar, and Max to get to sporting events, entertainment, and to the airport.

If my transit service went away, I would have to drive to work every business day which would remove all the benefits I stated above.

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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