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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 am concerned about climate change and utilizing mass transit is one way I can contribute to slowing or reducing it's effects. Also, as a resident of

Portland parking is not always available or is prohibitively expensive for me.

I am grateful to live on a street with bus service that can take me to school, the light-rail station, or other essential locations such as medical appointments or the supermarket.

If transit service were to be reduced or eliminated, traffic would be even worse and parking would be increasingly difficult wherever I go. Many jobs would be lost not only to transit workers but for businesses that rely on public transit to get their employees to work, as well their patrons. This would have a devastating ripple effect to our economy and the effects of climate change would be more severe.

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,

Mary C Lopez