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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 gave up personal car ownership in 1994 due to fiscal need, numerous car accidents (coma, brain damage and surgery) and personal ethics. I rely on public travel for life. A key factor of my love and life in Portland is the exemplary public transit. I am a public employee serving the city ... and my duty to the city relies on me getting to work through public transit. I was a Portlander before moving here in my way of life - a lifelong bicycler, environmentalist, queer person and, generally, a person who cares - and moving here has been one of the happiest blessings of my life.

I daily commute to work by Max (the Yellow Line) from my home in the Eliot neighborhood ... a region of the city close to downtown, but one in which a walk may take over one hour for commuting given a need to traverse the Willamette River ! A loss of service directly impacts my role in supporting the city.

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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