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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

To the Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment,
I'm writing as a TriMet rider who depends heavily on public transit, especially Line 45, which I use regularly in Garden Home. I support the increased transit funding and the STIF program in HB 2025.

I don't have a driver's license or a car, so TriMet is how I get to essential places like downtown Portland, doctor's appointments, and grocery stores. Over the last few years, service cuts to 45, 54 and 56 have already made this harder. It now takes me nearly two hours to make a trip that would take 20-30 minutes by car, if I had one. Outside of peak hours, it's especially difficult to get anywhere and many places in Beaverton and Tigard are simply not feasible by bike or foot.

Not everyone can afford a Lyft every time they need to go to the doctor or get groceries, so for people like me and many others, these proposed cuts (up to 27% of bus lines) would be quite the loss. Transit is not optional for thousands of Oregonians, it's how we survive. Please do not let these cuts happen. Pass HB 2025 and give public transit in Oregon the support it needs to continue serving us all.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
J.C. Joseph