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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. For three years we were a single car household, and I relied heavily on public transportation. Tomorrow I'm attending a six-hour event downtown and plan to take the bus despite having an EV now. The bus is economical, better for the climate, and crucial for many individuals. The LAST thing we need is more cars on the road or more challenges for people to access and keep gainful employment. Funding public transit is an essential function of a government.

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,

Colleen Murray
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