

Submitter: Ruth Barrett

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

My name is Ruth Barrett and I live in Portland. I'm writing today to support House Bill 2025 because I want safer streets for my family and my community.

My elementary school children walk or bike themselves to and from school every day. Every day, they have to rely on our cities' streets to get to school safely. We've had too many close calls.

The Safe Routes to School and Great Streets programs will make our streets safer for everyone, especially kids, elders, and people who don't drive.

Finally, while I fully support on-street safety investments, they often lead nowhere if we don't also fund off-street connections. That is why I urge you to include funding for the Oregon Community Paths program to create a complete and connected network. I urge you to support HB 2025 and fully fund these life-saving programs.