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Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jeff Raker, and I live in Portland. I'm here today to support House Bill 2025 because I want to prevent my 10 year old to be able to grow up so that he can cross the street safely streets and build his independence in engaging his community. This is how we address improvement to not only the safety in our central city, but safety for kids in small towns across the state.

The Safe Routes to School and Great Streets programs are critical in leaving a legacy and ensuring our kids get the same chances we had in our youth to explore the world with strength and a level of freedom and independence.

The Oregon Community Paths program is also a critical program to ensure families get an opportunity to be together without driving everywhere. We need off-street improvements that allow us all to connect across the state and provide assets to communities large and small that keep people coming back for high quality pathways and trails in our communities.

I welcome your support of HB 2025 and it's ability to fund life-saving programs and build up for traffic for businesses across the state.