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On Behalf Of: House Bill 2025  
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

I am writing in support of the increase in payroll tax to increase funding for Trimet and other public transportation service providers. The effect of cuts to funding for public transportation services would cause a profound cut to services. The impact of the impending cuts to Trimet services if the increase is refused would make Trimet services unavailable to large parts of Trimet service area and what service remains would see a reduction in service runs. The remaining lines would make using public transportation unusable for many current riders and unattractive to potential new riders.

The decrease in ridership causes an increase in cars on the road, car accidents, air pollution, traffic jams, etc...

Please vote to pass HB2025 to ensure adequate funding for public transportation.