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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Support for HB 2025 – STIF funding

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.

- My wife and I are a happy one-car family in SE Portland, and we rely on all of TriMet's services to leave that car at home as much as possible as we travel around and enjoy everything Portland has to offer

- We catch the FX2 then transfer to the MAX to watch the Thorns and Timbers; we ride the 75 bus south to see friends in Woodstock, or north to meet friends in Laurelhurst and beyond; we catch the streetcar on rainy days to move to the next shop or restaurant when we're downtown. We have neighbors, friends, and people who represent us on city council who rely on TriMet to move around the city.

- Losing transit options would be a huge blow to our ability to confidently live a one-car life in Portland, forcing us to spend money — money we'd prefer to spend locally — on a new car that adds to, rather than reduces, our collective impact on climate change.

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 from being stranded without the transportation access we all depend on. Please support HB 2025.

Sincerely,
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