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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.

I depend upon public transit to get where I need to go every day, whether it's going to doctor's appointments, job interviews, or the store, it is vital for me to have the bus, light rail, or streetcar, to get there. Climate change only makes it more important for our state to invest in public transit, and inflation and perhaps even a recession, will make this investment more imperative. I do not want to invest in a car that would pollute the air, contribute to climate change, and cost me even more with insurance and maintenance, and for many of my fellow riders, this is impossible. So public transit is the way to go for a healthier planet, healthier air, and fewer traffic jams, too! So please vote for this bill. It's so important for all of us Oregonians!