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I am writing in support of House Bill 2025. It's vitally important that these investments in making our streets safe and accessible for everyone - those who walk, ride, scooter, wheelchair, and drive - happen now. If we want strong, connected communities then people need to be safe and secure moving through their communities without driving. If we want to slow climate change then we need to give people ways to move around without driving that are safe. If we want people with disabilities to be fully integrated into their communities they must be able to safely use sidewalks and public transit. We must make those investments today. These issues touch my family personally so this is not just rote support. One of my children is a student at PSU who uses public transport to get to school and to work. Another family member has disabilities that can make poorly designed/poorly maintained sidewalks treacherous to navigate. I know many people who would walk or bike much more often if they felt safe doing so. Please fully fund the initiatives in this bill and make Oregon a better, safer, more resilient place for all of us.