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I support HB2025 because I want safer streets for my family and my community. Everyday we walk to our neighborhood school. We have to cross Burnside and 82nd Ave in Portland. If we want to go to the park we also have to cross Glisan. These streets are stressful and not easily crossed. This means that my children are not able to do this on their own, even though they have the skills and should have the opportunity. Safe Routes to School and Great Streets programs will make our streets safer. It will be safer my family and our community. When it is safer to walk, people walk and they form community bonds. Safer streets makes us a better community.

I also want to urge you to include funding for the Oregon Community Paths program. This program will help to create a complete and connected network. It will improve off-street connections. These connections are vital to the success of on-street safety. If we can't safely get to the safe street crossing, then it doesn't get used. A complete walking system needs to be funded and implemented.

Thank you for your time. I urge you to support HB2025 and fully fund these life-saving programs.

Mike