

Submitter: Emily Platt

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek and Members of the Committee,

My name is Emily Platt, and I live in Portland. I support House Bill 2025 because I want safer streets for my family and my community.

Every day, my husband and I have to walk or bike along unsafe roads to get to school, work, or the store. We've had too many close calls.

The Safe Routes to School and Great Streets programs will make our streets safer for everyone, especially kids, elders, and people who don't drive. This is especially important to me since my household has been car-free for many years, principally because of climate change concerns.

Finally, while I fully support on-street safety investments, they often lead nowhere if we don't also fund off-street connections. That is why I urge you to include funding for the Oregon Community Paths program to create a complete and connected network. I urge you to support HB 2025 and fully fund these life-saving programs.

Sincerely,
Emily Platt