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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 am a carless, QPOC low-income student living in Portland. TriMet is how I get to school, my job, to shop & get groceries, to do everything. I would not be able to live and thrive here if I need to pay for all the associated costs of a car. Using TriMet at the current service level can be difficult already, especially for north-south and inter-neighborhood connections that require transfers, which can sometime make shopping for necessities difficult, or isolate me from visiting my community and friends. Further service cuts would devastate my ability to live. 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 like me from being stranded without the transportation access I depend on. Please support HB 2025.

Sincerely,
Kat