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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

My name is Seth Johnson and I live in Portland, Oregon.

I live in the Foster-Powell neighborhood which is bound by three arterial streets, two of which are also state highways (Foster and 82nd avenue). I have two young children and while I do own a car we all primarily get around by walking. While most streets within my neighborhood are okay for walking, the two state highways are incredibly dangerous for pedestrians and have large amounts of traffic violence on them each year. This impedes our ability to get to all areas of our neighborhood safely for shopping and recreation.

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.

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.