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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

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

I'm writing to express my full support for increased transit funding and the STIF program in HB 2025, because devastating cuts to public transit services must be prevented. Here are few common sense reasons as to why:

1. Everyone benefits from non-remote-working employees getting to their places of employment on time.
2. Everyone benefits from better road conditions if there are less single-occupancy 5000-pound vehicles causing traffic and wear and tear on the road.
3. Everyone benefits from cleaner air, reduced tire dust pollution, and less car crash injuries and deaths.

Since experiencing a car crash last year, I've relied on TriMet MAX trains and buses to be my primary mode of transportation. None of your constituents, myself included, are rejoicing over the forever-increasing cost of car ownership which impacts us every single day. It would benefit absolutely no one to cut public transportation jobs, while taking away transportation access from people who depend on it to live, work, go to school, and make our community and economy thrive. Please support HB 2025.

Sincerely,

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