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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 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 rely on public transit to travel safely and efficiently within my community, frequently riding TriMet bus lines 19 and 70 and the Orange and Blue MAX lines. Additionally, as a transportation planning professional specializing in public transit, I hear every day from community members who need robust public transit in order to get to their jobs, medical appointments, and essential shopping needs. With the rising cost of car ownership, more Oregonians are reliant on public transit to fulfill their daily needs. It is vital that the state adjusts the STIF payroll tax to accommodate rising operational costs so that no Oregonian is left without the crucial, life-saving transit services that they depend on.

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 and the communities I work with from being stranded without the transportation access I depend on. Please support HB 2025.

Sincerely,
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