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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

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"Dear joint committee on transportation and representative Kevin Manix and Senator Kim Thature!

I'd like to see more wide spread transportation around all of Oregon, not just the Walimette Vally because I'm an Oregonian who uses public transportation due to being blind and unable to legally drive a car. Like me, 30 percent of Oregonians are not able to drive a car, therefore, making that same 30 percent of all Oregonians relaient on public transportation all over Oregon. I have spent time in both, urban and rarel environments. In both environments, we can't get around without public transportation. Many of us either live by ourselves or with other people who work and are not always able to drive us around anywhere. Without public transportation, we can't go anywhere, including but not limited to school, work, church, doctor's appointments, social gatherings, or locations where we volunteer at each time we do that kind of work. Unfortunately, public transportation has been underfunded for years, which needs to change in order for the unlucky 30 percent of all Oregonians to have the most independent live as possible. We also need that transportation to be safe because we want to get from point a to point b in one peace. With all that said, I personally use my local city busses, or use ride share to get around to many of my appointments. I also want to insure that if a disaster came along, that I would still have the same quallity of my city busses and ride share avalible. I have studied the Castcadia fault in geology while I attended Chemeketa Community College, before i graduated from there in 2023. I got to hear all about how this kind of earth quake would distroy many roads, highways, and bridges. The more I learn about the effects of the Castcadia fault, the worse the perdictions get; therefore, the more likely we won't be able to get around for at least a year or two after the earthquake and for the coast, tsunami hits. Therefore, we could be totally landlocked until the roads and bridges were all rebuilt. Many of us are already landlocked, so we can't wait until an earthquake to come along because we need our transportation today, not a decade from now! We also need safe transportation in order to keep living like we have always done in Oregon. If we can improve our transportation, even better, especially for the elderly, and disabled communities because I know many people who have walking disabilities. These people can't just walk everywhere because their legs, feet, backs, hips, knees nor legs would allow them to just keep walking. These folks abselutely require the use of public transportation, even to travel short distances just to get things such as groshery shopping or other asential eronds completed. I ask that you take this information to heart and vote to make this bill become the law of ORegon by keeping the safe transportation fully intact, even if other parts of the bill were modified. "