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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 don't own nor drive a car. Transit and biking is my only way to reach work and run errands. My everyday life is dependent on affordable and convenient transit system and safe streets for walking and biking. I take Trimet bus and MAX frequently for my commute to downtown and medical appointments throughout Portland metro area. It would be devastating to have these service gets cut. I don't have other options.

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,

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