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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Support for HB 2025 – STIF funding

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 frequently use the MAX and several bus lines to navigate around the city so that my household doesn't need a second car. For Oregonians without access to a car, public transit is even more essential. It is important to continue funding public transit to make it a reliable option in order to curb the use of individual automobiles, especially as the effects of climate change become harder to ignore. The public transit system is one of the things that makes the Portland metro area great and should be funded as such.

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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