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Thank you for the opportunity to give testimony about this bill.

First, it's very important to include electrification in the package. We need to fund critical electrification programs to increase access to charging and lower barriers to decarbonization.

Currently, the package lacks clear investments that address climate change and air pollution. Without clear investments, the package likely makes the climate crisis worse.

There's a better way to pay for transportation. It's great that lawmakers are thinking about higher fees for luxury cars. This would mean that those who can afford it the most help invest in strong, healthy communities for everyone.

The bill includes significant funding for popular street safety programs that Oregonians have demanded. However, funding for off-street networks and trails, which connect Oregonians to schools, work, and transit, are currently missing. This investment is critical for safety, access, and rural mobility.

In short, I support this bill but urge you to improve it in the ways outlined above.