

Submitter: Sarah Goforth

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek and Members of the Committee,

My name is Sarah, and I live in Portland. I'm here today to support House Bill 2025 because I want safer streets for me, my family and my community.

I am a daily bike commuter and have been for more than 20 years. Every day, I have to bike along unsafe roads to get to work, the store or just around town to meet my daily transportation needs. I've had too many close calls with unsafe drivers.

The Safe Routes to School and Great Streets programs will make our streets safer for everyone, especially kids, elders, and people who don't drive.

Finally, while I fully support on-street safety investments, they often lead nowhere if we don't also fund off-street connections. That is why I urge you to include funding for the Oregon Community Paths program to create a complete and connected network. I urge you to support HB 2025 and fully fund these life-saving programs for our community.

Thank you.