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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 use transit every day to get to and from work, to hang out with friends, to go to doctor's appointments, and to go Pickles or Thorns or Timbers games! My partner and I are proudly car-free and are excited to raise our first child in a car free environment too.

-I use the street car, bus and max on the daily.

-I don't know what I would do without transit. I can't afford to take car services every day and I would have to go into debt in order to purchase a car.

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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