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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.

As a disabled American I use public transit for everything in my daily life as driving is not an option and uber is expensive. I use public transit daily to attend work and school, to grocery shop, and to visit my friends. Without public transit I would have 0 access to the world. I use the Trimet buses and max system in the Portland area including Portland, Hillsboro, Beaverton, and Forest Grove. If public transit was reduced or taken away I would be home bound and unable to enjoy and live my life. Portland remains out of places I've lived in my life the most accessible city but that could change with funding cuts. Help ensure that all disabled and low income people in Oregon continue to have access to their lives.

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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