

Submitter: Catherine Potter

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 Catherine Potter and I live in NE Portland and work in downtown Portland. I support House Bill 2025 because I want safer streets for my family and my community.

Most days I ride my bike to work or to run errands or get to places I need to go. I appreciate that I can do this in Portland but I also am concerned about the many gaps in our walking & biking routes that lead to safety issues.

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.

Thank you.

Catherine Potter