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On Behalf Of: Self
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025
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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 rely on Tri Met for work and grocery store commuting when my 2001 Ford Taurus is in the shop. I use Lines 12 and 72. As a person who lived on government entitlement income for 8 years as well as being insecure as a driver, Tri Met was my exclusive means of transportation until I was age 47. For the past 10 years, while I've owned used cars, I've relied on Tri Met particularly during the weather emergencies that happen with increasing frequency. I live in NE Portland, just inside the I-205 freeway, north of Sandy Blvd.

If Tri Met cut back its services, others who do not drive while being unable to afford Lyft or Uber would be dangerously isolated during climate emergencies or to meet urgent needs, such as medical appointments. This is especially true for people under age 65 who do not qualify for other resources. Please do not eliminate funding for the STIF program--citizens will struggle more to get urgent needs met.

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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