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Presidents, Vice Presidents and Committee Members

My name is Maria Rodriguez, and I live in Washington County. I am testifying today because I support a 2025 transportation package that works for ALL Oregonians and reflects our shared values of safety, affordability, equity, and climate resilience.

For several years now, I have noticed negative changes impacting my neighborhood and our daily lives, such as walking in unlit areas that do not feel safe.

The danger of walking on busy streets and avenues, lacking sidewalks, crosswalks, and traffic lights, is a danger to the families who travel there, who unfortunately are already fewer pedestrians. Out of fear, we do not go out to exercise and walk because the streets lack basic services. This is not a luxury, but a necessity that we deserve as a tax-paying community. My priority is to advocate for safe roads and trails without harming the environment. I have volunteered with various organizations, advocating for the benefit of communities, where we have achieved positive changes thanks to the understanding and efforts of leaders and representatives working for the common good.

Therefore, I am here to keep this campaign moving forward because it is a necessity throughout the state of Oregon.

The bill includes significant funding for popular traffic safety programs that Oregonians have demanded. However, funding is currently lacking for off-street networks and trails, which connect Oregonians to schools, work, and public transportation. This investment is critical for rural safety, access, and mobility. By prioritizing public transportation, sidewalks, bike lanes, trails, and safety-focused crosswalks, we create vibrant and resilient neighborhoods where people can live, work, and enjoy themselves without fear.

We hope for your support in this important petition for me, my children, and the community.