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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.

I can't drive, so I'm dependent on transit to get to work, access medical care, and stay involved with my community. I ride TriMet lines 6, 72, and 75 almost every day. If the bus lines I rely on were cut, I would have to quit my job. I don't know how I'd get to the doctor or run errands. I would have to give up my volunteering commitments, and I wouldn't be able to attend most of the weekend birdwatching meetups I love.

The quality and accessibility of public transit is one of the things I love about Oregon. The ability to get around independently, rather than relying on other people's erratic availability to drive me, has been an enormous blessing. I don't want to lose that ability.

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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