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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.

My husband and I share one vehicle. As a result, the availability of public transit is especially important to our household. The frequent service that spans the Portland Metropolitan area helps me get to work, to the doctor's office, to run errands, etc. Taking public transit allows me to contribute to the local economy since it gets me to local restaurants and shopping.

Cutting service for public transit would very negatively impact my household as well as many others that I know. We would be forced to rely on rideshares or purchase another vehicle.

I hope you will consider supporting this bill since so many Oregonians would be left without affordable and reliable transportation otherwise.