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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Support for HB 2025 – STIF funding

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 love taking public transportation here in Portland because I believe it's a way to fight climate change, interact with different members of my community, and see my city in a new way. It's on always easy: buses can get delayed in traffic with others cars, infrequent service on some routes, and challenges of getting from one side of the city to the other. These aren't bad things, but rather realities that any transportation system must deal with. Continued funding is key to addressing these challenges and keeping Trimet reliable and our city running.

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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