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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

To my state legislators,

Please vote yes on HB 2025, the Transportation Reinvestment Package (TRIP).

I recently relocated to Oregon from the auto-dominated state of Michigan.

As someone who commutes by bike, I am amazed by the choices that I am lucky enough to navigate around town every day.

Oregon is an inspiring place to be for someone who does not depend on a car.

However, for more of us to be able to make this choice, we need you to vote YES on HB 2025!

TRIP will allow more families like mine to invest money that would otherwise be spent on cars into the local economy. Because we ride our bikes everywhere, we're able to support our local businesses because that money is not tied up in an automobile.

Increasing the amount of funds dedicated to future issues that we know we will face will make Oregon legislators the envy of the nation. By passing TRIP, you bring Oregon into the future: as automation changes the way we traverse the state, let's prepare for that future with funding that makes sense! I support my local businesses, AND road safety for all. I support my right to ride a bicycle AND the right for a car to get to it's destination. Considering the future of all modes of transit is a key opportunity for the state to show it's determination to be equitable for the people that call Oregon home.

It can start with your yes vote today: improve our transportation system -- from roads and bridges to buses and bike paths.

I would also like to remind you that transportation is intricately tied to the affordability and, therefore, livability, of this great state. Today's maintenance of our roads and paths allows for investment in other projects later on. The funds will always have to come from somewhere... As a constituent, I ask for you to vote YES on HB 2025 to stop kicking the can down the road -- because the road will be too deteriorated to fix by the time it is considered again. Put the people that you represent first by keeping the ways we get around safe for all, regardless of the mode chosen.

Thank you for your time,

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