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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 utilize the bus, max and the trolley to get to places, especially on the weekends. I live downtown but I use it to get all over besides downtown. I ride to SE, SW, NE and NW, and even to the suburbs like Milwaukie, Beaverton and Hillsboro. I have even taken public trans from SE PDX to Wilsonville to get to work a few times because I was out of a vehicle.

I love taking it to events like concerts since I hate driving around and looking for parking. I don't enjoy driving much in general. Another reason I like to take public trans is for safety. If I go out to a social gathering or place I do like to enjoy myself and have a few drinks, so if the bus or max is available I don't have to worry about driving myself home, and I don't want to rely on others for a ride either once they have had few drinks as well.

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,

Wisdom Ming

Location - Portland, OR