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"My name is Harper Hamblin and I am from Corvallis, Oregon. I am testifying today because I believe we need a transportation package in 2025 that reflects ALL of our values for an effective transportation system and a climate-focused future.

All aspects of Oregon communities should have the ability to get to school, work, and activities safely. Not only this, but we should be focusing on making advancements towards climate-friendly transportation. Although HB 2025 is a step in the right direction, I believe changes must be made. This bill implements funding towards important Oregon street programs such as safe crosswalks and transportation-friendly roads. However, it fails to invest funding in programs that would help reduce our overall climate impact, such as programs that would help transition Oregon into a state that bolsters and encourages electric vehicles.

At least 30 percent of Oregonians cannot or will not drive. It's incredibly important that our public transportation system supports these people, even those in rural communities. This bill is a good foundation for upholding our safety programs for transit. However, more action is needed to invest the tax-paying dollars of those who can pay and support those who can't. The people paying taxes want to know that their money is being used to help build climate resistance, especially in light of the Advanced Clean Truck rule being delayed until 2027. With more investments to support electrification, we can make sure that our progress that's been made within the last two years will not be erased.

Sincerely,
Harper Hamblin
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