Submitter: Rhonda Gott

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 rely on transit to shop, for church activities, to visit parks and national scenic areas, for banking, entertainment and work.

Since I am in the city of Portland, I can get anywhere I need to go. I use Max lightrail, Trimet buses, Portland Street Car and have an annual bus pass for Columbia Area Transit.

I am a lifetime user of these valuable services. I feel by using the service I am contributing to the environment by keeping my car off the road. Water and air quality are vital to future generations and I feel this is a way I can help.

I can get to recreational areas, work, libraries, farmer's markets and Dr appointments.

If these services were not available I would be left waiting or late and that would effect other businesses.

I would withdraw and have less time with my community and the sanctuary of nature just outside our city.

Air quality would be effected by more cars on the road. I want a healthy community and good health for myself and the rest of the planet.

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,

Rhonda Gott Portland, OR