



DAILY BREAD EXPRESS

A Program of EMOREgon

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Dear Joint Committee On Transportation Co-Chairs, Senator Gorsek and Representative McLain, and members of the Committee:

I am writing to ask you to support public transit in this legislative session of the Oregon State Legislature.

The Daily Bread Express program serves HIV survivors and provides 200 meals and/or nutritional supplements for over 30 people every week.

Many of our clients have low incomes and need public transit to meet their regular transportation needs. Without public transit, many of our community members would have difficulty accessing necessary food – the Daily Bread Express only accounts for one meal per day - health care, and other community-based services (e.g. support groups). Additionally, without affordable public transit, a large portion of our clients' budgets would need to be spent on private transportation, leaving less for other essential needs, further marginalizing a group already struggling with the daily reality of social marginalization.

As you consider the important transportation bills before your committee, we ask that you find ways to continue funding public transit in our community and across the state.

Very respectfully,

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