



May 30, 2025

Dear Joint Committee On Transportation:

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

Marion Polk Food Share provides healthy food to low-income residents of Marion and Polk counties. More than 18,000 families visit our network of community-based food pantries every month.

The majority of our clients have low incomes and many need public transit to meet their regular transportation needs. Without public transit, many of our community members would have difficulty accessing food, employment, and health care. Further, 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.

As you consider the important transportation bills before your committee, we ask that you continue funding public transit in the communities we serve and across the state.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Hambuchen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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