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On Behalf Of:

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I am a resident of House District 40 and a taxpaying worker, and I want to express that I very strongly support House Bill 2025 on the basis of maintaining adequate funding for public transit. Countless Oregonians rely on these services daily to get to work, school, and wherever else they need to go, and many have no viable alternatives. Even those who never use them benefit significantly; reduced congestion, cleaner air, and a stronger economy, not to mention the thousands of people who are employed by these agencies, are just a few examples. This bill is also a crucial moment to maintain Oregon's dedication to preserving our beautiful environment and the legacy of those who have made our state so special. Also, for decades we've been building transit that goes far above the ordinary. Portland has a reputation for going above and beyond for a city of its size, putting even some of the biggest cities in the nation to shame. We've truly created something to be proud of. Seattle and Vancouver, BC are making strides in mass mobility; why should we cripple ours? I love this state to death, and I want it to keep making it better. De-funding public transit is NOT the way to do that.