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My name is Lorreina, and I live in Portland. I'm testifying today because I support a 2025 transportation package that works for ALL Oregonians and reflects our shared values of safety, affordability, equity, and climate resilience. I am someone who relies heavily on public transportation and roads that are bike safe. My partner and I only have one car, so when one of us needs to use the car the other is only able to get around by bus or by bike. This is made even more necessary as my partner suffers from a chronic fatigue issue that makes non electric bikes difficult, so they are heavily dependent on bus routes. We've recently moved from Damascus to Portland and the ability to use the bus was a key factor in our move, as there had been occasions where one of us was stranded at home when the car was in use. Public transportation and bike safe roads has been a massive improvement to our lives, as it has allowed me to feel connected to my community and for us to explore our city in a cost effective way. Additionally, the bus routes have allowed me to find new businesses to patron for date nights.

Unfortunately, a lack of certain bus routes have made it hard to feel connected to my Clackamas community and, due to the cutting of other bus routes, there are still friends that are difficult to connect with unless we use a car. Additionally, there is still not a functional transportation route that allows me to effectively travel from my home to Aloha for a dance class that I take twice a week. Both my partner and I are deeply affected by the ability to travel by bus and I am particularly affected by road maintenance, as I ride my bike on Tolman from Bybee until 57th. I urge everyone to show that they care about the working class and those in rural areas by investing in a robust transportation system that allows people like me to remain connected to our multiple communities.