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Co-chairs McClain, Gorsek, and the other members of the Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment,

I am writing in support of HB2025. I was lucky enough to be able to hear an hour and a half of the hearing on Wednesday, June 11th. I was impressed by the heartfelt/passionate requests for more funding for rural transit and safe roads in rural areas. It's my understanding that the bill as it stands now does not include enough attention to rural transit. I would like to advocate for this, as so many need to access medical care and other appointments in other towns and cities and they would have no way to get to these appointments without a crucial bus.

I would suggest:

- Continued funding, and hopefully increased funding for inter-town and city busses for those who cannot drive or don't have access to a vehicle. While we are at it, how about helping the various groups who provide these transportation services with enough seed money, or grant money, for an electric bus and electric charging stations in every town?
- I've heard of rural communities – I don't remember which state – that invested in a few electric cars that folks basically checked out for a day to get to appointments in other towns. Being able to access electric cars would help those who don't have the money to pay for the gas with the higher gas tax being promoted with HB 2025. And, it would help lower our greenhouse gas emissions.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my ideas.

Thank you too for all the work you are putting into this bill. I know it's not in it's finished form, but there are so many good things in it.

Sarah Chaney