Submitter: Chrystal Grant

On Behalf Of: Self

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

To Whom It may Concern,

Please do not pass the transportation reinvestment bill. I am an Oregon resident in rural Oregon, and there is largely no public transportation in most rural areas for regular travel back and forth to work and such; therefore, we must drive our personal vehicles everywhere. The closest large store is 2.5 hours away from my location, so it takes quite a bit of fuel to travel out of town. Gas prices are high enough as it is, and are still climbing! Please do not make life harder for the hardworking residents of Oregon. The rural communities get overlooked every time a bill like this comes to a vote, and we suffer significantly when bills like this pass, while residents of larger cities are not affected nearly as much. Minimum wage is lower, but grocery prices are higher in rural areas, and with this reinvestment, the cost to transport groceries to our area will go up, thus raising the prices of groceries themselves for our hard-working families. Please do not pass this bill.

Thank you for your consideration and time