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House Committee on Rules
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Bowman, Vice Chair Drazen, Vice Chair Pham, and members of the committee,

On behalf of the Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17 (PROTEC17), representing 10,000 public sector employees across the Pacific Northwest, including over 1,000 engineers, planners, information technology specialists, and technicians employed by the City of Portland, I write urgently today to ask for your opposition to HB 3402 in order to **maintain funding increases for local transportation agencies** in the transportation package currently being debated.

Many, many jobs will be lost across the state if funding increases for local agencies is eliminated. These jurisdictions were already in a state of crisis awaiting much needed general transportation revenue increases, and many have already budgeted with the assumption that the legislature would do the work to provide this funding. Changing this assumption now will cause immense harm and will cost the livelihoods of thousands of Oregonians who provide transportation infrastructure services for their communities.

We know that transportation infrastructure is one of the most important things the public can invest in. We all rely on our roads and highways, regardless of our method of use. We all need the economic benefits they provide. Deferred maintenance has cost the taxpayers of Oregon dearly in increased long-term costs. Investing in transportation infrastructure is an investment for our lives today and the future of Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration, and we respectfully but urgently ask that you oppose HB 3402 in order to maintain transportation funding increases for local agencies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elliot Levin", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Elliot Levin
Research Director and Oregon Legislative Advocate