

## Testimony in Opposition of HB 3402

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Chair Bowman and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition of House Bill 3402. My name is Metzlin Rodriguez and I am Unite Oregon's Climate and Environmental Justice Policy Lead Coordinator. I am here in opposition to HB 3402.

Unite Oregon is led by people of color, immigrants, refugees, rural communities, and people experiencing poverty. We work across the state to build a unified intercultural movement for justice. At our annual statewide summit, members voiced **urgent concerns** about **transportation resources** and the lack of support in small and rural communities in the state.

Today I am here to stand for our vulnerable communities, Black, Indigenous, people of color, and people with limited English proficiency. Here to demand the need for sustainable and progressive revenue mechanisms to make future investments into transportation, climate, and other community needs. We do not have another temporary band-aid solution.

We oppose HB 3402's -3 amendment. HB 3402 would result in ZERO investments in local cities and counties, transit, safety, rail, wildlife crossings, local maintenance and transit jobs.

Funding could have been secured by adopting the luxury vehicle tax, which was not done. Fair funding is critical, especially now as families face rising costs for groceries, housing, and healthcare. Without it, the burden falls unfairly on everyday Oregonians, not on those who can afford to pay more.

By passing this bill, Oregonians will be set up for failure and after all this work, this bill falls far short of what Oregon's communities need and said they wanted. We need to expand transportation choice while keeping costs down for working families and people with low and fixed incomes.

Thank you,

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