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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify regarding HB 3402. My name is Indi Namkoong, and I am the Transportation Justice Coordinator for Verde. We are a community-based environmental justice organization and along with our partners in the Move Oregon Forward campaign, have been hard at work engaging you and our communities around this transportation package for nearly two years.

We are here to express our strong opposition to HB 3402 -3 and to urge you to pursue a solution that delivers immediate funds to our immediate needs - ALL of them. HB 2025 with the -28 amendment is a practical compromise that deserves this legislature's support; HB 3402 will cost the people in this building political capital and the trust of local and community partners while failing to solve **any** of our transportation challenges.

No one wants to see transportation workers lose their jobs due to legislative inaction this session. And that's why you **MUST** demand better than this proposal. If you provide half of a bandaid to ODOT and no additional funding to the rest of the system, Oregon communities will still see their gas taxes go up. Meanwhile hundreds of city workers, county workers, and transit workers, our neighbors and friends and family members, will lose their jobs, particularly in smaller towns and rural communities who already operate on the knife's edge. How many more Oregonians will be left stranded by immediate cuts to transit service and basic system maintenance - unable to get to work, school, or the doctor because the bus doesn't come to their home any more or because a landslide is blocking the one road that will get them where they need to go?

This legislature has a crystal clear mandate: in the listening tour, in public hearings, over the last two years and more, Oregonians have consistently demanded a fair transportation package that supports transit service, safe streets, and core services for state and local governments alike. The low-income families and community members Verde serves are facing rising costs of groceries, housing, and healthcare - and cuts to affordable lifelines like transit service and safe walking & biking, would come at a staggering cost. I urge you to reject false solutions and work to make sure our **WHOLE** system can keep the lights on this year - not just ODOT.

Thank you for your consideration.

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