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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3402

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

As a nurse and Oregon resident, I'm writing in opposition to HB 3402 as amended (-3) and in support of HB 2025 with the -28 amendment.

This is not just a funding issue—it's a public health issue. Safe transportation isn't a luxury; it's a necessity. The current proposal offers no investment in sidewalks, transit, or community safety. These are the systems that ensure people can access medical care, get to work, and live healthy lives. When we neglect them, we put real lives at risk.

HB 3402 moves forward without addressing the broader needs of our communities. It's a stopgap for one agency, while the rest of Oregon falls further behind. There is no plan here for the people who walk, bike, or rely on public transportation. There is no plan for the elderly waiting at bus stops, or the parents who need safe streets for their children.

HB 2025 -28 is a more responsible approach. It includes public input and reflects a more equitable transportation strategy—one that supports health, access, and community well-being.

Please reject HB 3402. We need a transportation system that works for all of us, not just for the status quo.

Sincerely,
Sarah Mahaley
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