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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3402

Members of the Committee,

My name is Andrea Haverkamp and I live in SE Portland, Oregon. This is written in personal capacity. I have been an Oregonian for over a decade. My life - like all of us - relies on Oregon's transportation system.

This bill is a sham. If passed, this will move Oregon backwards, not forward.

Pass HB 2025 -28.

Oregonians need public transportation, safe and complete streets, investments for our current lives and our future. Today's kids deserve a transportation system they can get to school by multiple safe and sustainable modes.

Failure to pass HB 2025 -28 after months of hearings, research, statewide tours, and advocate input is an absolute shame on all of those involved. That bill is already a compromise - negotiated between what Oregonians NEED, and partisan anti-revenue politics.

I drive, I bike, I transit. The communities I am a part of through school and personal life are working class, low income, transit dependent, vulnerable, and important to our future. They deserve better. We deserve better.

I'm writing this while on a vacation planned half a year ago, to visit San Francisco Pride with my partner. We are both LGBTQ and proud. I should be relaxing on this special trip - not frustrated at our state government. We are taking the Amtrak and passing by Eugene right now. Passenger rail deserves funding. HB 2025 does that. This bill in front of you does NOT. Bring in this situation, right now, as I type this, makes me feel so frustrated. We need more transit and passenger rail so folks like us can access our culture and communities. HB 2025 -28 is personally important.

Do not pass this bill. You can do hard things. Pass HB 2025 -28.

-Andrea Haverkamp