

RE: Oppose HB3402

Dear Chair Bowman and Committee Members,

For nearly two years, advocates, agencies, and lawmakers have worked together to shape a transportation package that puts safety at the heart of our system. That effort reflected a shared recognition of the crisis we face: every year, hundreds of people are killed on Oregon's roads, and recent data shows that serious, life-altering injuries are skyrocketing.

HB 2025 was a step toward confronting that crisis: it centered safety, invested real money to fight the rising injury and fatality rates, and made meaningful investments in transit and local infrastructure.

HB 3402 does the opposite. It guts funding for safety, strips away transit dollars, and shortchanges the cities and counties who rely on these resources to deliver the projects their communities need most. While we understand the impulse to pass a temporary fix that helps keep ODOT whole, HB 3402 is simply not a responsible solution.

Oregon Walks strongly opposes HB 3402 and urges you to reject it in its current form.

Sincerely.

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