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Rules committee, my name is Jordan Lewis and I live in Portland.

I'm testifying today that you not pass HB 3402 and instead pass HB 2025-28, as it reflects YEARS of good faith consensus building by Oregonians from Astoria to Klamath falls. It is a fact that roads cost money. It is a fact that Oregon has historically put the cost of roads on the credit card. Oregon pays less in vehicular taxes than Woke Montana or Idaho. We pay less than half what Utah does. Most democrats took this issue seriously and spent years building consensus for some kind of broad solution. HB 2025 wasn't perfect! I had to lower my expectations so, so far. But it made an effort. This bill won't expand transit service in Portland, it will just avoid a fiscal cliff and maintain the current level of service. Now republicans and suburban DINO's are gonna hold the entire state hostage so they can indulge this childish fantasy where roads are free. You'll make theatrical stunts like Mark Meek lying about tolling on his instagram. This all must feel like a game to you. Well it's life or death for the veteran who takes a bus to the VA, to city and county employees across the state you will lay off, and to children that have to cross deadly roads on their daily walk to school. Y'all work an average of 3 months a year. This is insulting, unserious and burns the trust of thousands, if not millions. This is why no one votes. You were elected to solve problems; If you are going to hold a gun to us, and throw years of hard work in the trash, then no life raft for ODOT. I know that republicans typically benefit from crisis, because the crisis undermines public trust and promotes zero-sum thinking. However, The failure of HB 2025 would be apocalyptic, not just for the portlanders you like to get mad at in your head but real, living breathing constituents in your district. And I will make it my personal life's goal that your name is synonymous with all the pain and suffering you inflict.