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**Support for SB 1542: Measure What We Drive and
SB 1543: Guardrails for Good Governance**

Dear Chair Gorsek, Vice-Chair Weber, and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Trails Coalition advisory council includes representatives from more than thirty federal, state, and local agencies, trail user groups, outdoor industry and tourism partners, and volunteer organizations. We represent walkers, bikers, runners, paddlers, equestrians, adaptive equipment users, skiers, snowmobilers, and motorized trail enthusiasts.

We are writing today to share our support for a pair of bills to improve accountability and public transparency at ODOT: SB 1542 and SB 1543.

Oregon Trails Coalition cares about ODOT accountability, because more than 80% of Oregonians use local trails, and multi-use paths are critical to our transportation networks. Our whole coalition is also founded upon the principle of public agencies and other stakeholders working collaboratively to develop and maintain public infrastructure that improves safety, mobility, access, and well-being for all. The bedrock of strong collaboration is transparency and trust.

SB 1542 will improve transparency and trust by making it easier for the public to understand how their transportation dollars are being spent and how transportation projects meet our goals for the overall system.

SB 1543 will improve transparency and trust by broadening representation on the Oregon Transportation Commission, and improving oversight of bonding, so that everyone can understand the implications of taking on future debt to meet current transportation goals.

As we remain committed to working in collaboration with ODOT and other partners to meet the needs of Oregon trails users, we hope you will pass this pair of bills this session to lay solid groundwork for the future transportation funding discussions we all know lay ahead.

Thank you,

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