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RE: Testimony in Support of HB 4008 - Transit Funding Task Force

To the Members of the House Committee on Transportation:

I am writing in support of passing legislation to create a Transit Funding Task Force to fund transit operations statewide. When HB 2017 was passed, Coos County Area Transportation District (CCATD) came into being. Our county had a "dedicated" rural transportation funding source (a 0.1% employee payroll tax) for the first time! As an employee I was glad to make a small contribution to the development of this needed transportation system. Coming from a large Metropolitan area (Chicago) in 1974, I knew from experience the value of buses, subways and trains. I wondered how people in Coos County got to school, work or entertainment in Coos County if they didn't have

a car. Now as an aging retiree I wonder how people in my age group can get to their doctor's appointments, the library or shopping when their chauffeur is unavailable. The answer is CCATD! Please support rural transportation! We need it.