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On Behalf Of:

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House Committee On Transportation

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4085

I am writing to oppose HB 4085. Beyond all the current issues with AV technology, this legislation proposes to pre-empt AV operators from any and all local oversight. This bill does not go nearly far enough to regulate AV companies like Waymo (Google). Any rollout under this legislation, as proposed, will be a rushed mess and leave local jurisdictions with absolutely no power to respond.

How will the legislature respond to TriMet, when AVs inevitably find their way onto bus-only roads, or MAX right of way? How will you respond to cities, neighborhoods, crossing guards, and school bus drivers when AVs ignore road laws, and injure or kill pedestrians or cyclists? My premonition is that you will have no response. This legislature continues to abjectly fail to deliver on its promises, and I do not trust it to react and respond with the urgency, swiftness, and firmness that a public rollout of an rapidly evolving technology like AVs requires.