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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Transportation

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1543

Dear Chair Gorsek, Vice Chair Weber, and members of the committee,

I support the passage of both Measure What We Drive (SB 1542) and Guardrails for Good Governance (SB 1543).

ODOT's record of planning and funding large transportation projects in the last decade has been overly optimistic and profligate. These measures are needed to improve fiscal planning for ODOT and to help them get back to the basics of maintaining the highways we have. ODOT's debt load is preventing them from planning for maintenance and the future needs of transportation in the state. We need to ensure they do not continue to increase debt and plan for large projects that we can't pay for and which also don't need our future needs of mass transit. Wider roads convince more people to drive rather than reducing congestion.

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