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Transit is one of the main issues that has propelled my political involvement. I am deeply passionate about improving our public transportation system. That is why I must strongly oppose this bill. Decarbonizing our systems requires an ever improving transit system and this would make us more reliant on cars.

Furthermore the state is superseding our autonomy as a city. We are the economic center of the state. We wield the power to choose how our city is run. Our city councilors seem aligned on this issue, which is not very common on matters concerning businesses. We don't want the continued slopification of our systems by tech opportunists that want to sucker us into a brand new AI gambling lonely rideshare service

I'm sorry but this shit is just fucking stupid. There's no respect for our rideshare drivers who I see in city hall, fighting for their rights. These are real people who are often struggling to pay their bills and support their families.

Knowing that my Electeds are taking what are essentially legal bribes makes my blood boil. Here's an excerpt from a recent article by BikePortland

“ Down in Salem, State Representative Susan McLain, a Democrat and chair of the House Transportation Committee, has introduced a bill with Republican House Rep Shelly Boshart Davis that appears to have been written by AV lobbyists (since November 2025, lobbying firm Google Client Services, LLC has donated \$2,500 each to bill sponsors Senator Mark Meek and Rep. Hai Pham, as well as \$2,500 to Rep. Ben Bowman, \$1,000 to Sen. Floyd Prozanski, \$1,500 to Senate President Rob Wagner, and \$10,000 to Governor Tina Kotek”

This blatant purchase of our autonomy is undemocratic and is a clear reminder that our society is bought out by corporate interests. The shareholders will laugh all the way to the bank while they drain the pockets of our most vulnerable.

Transit access is important for our poorest neighbors. If this move makes transit suffer harder, people will lose access, opportunities, and ultimately their lives. That will be blood on your hands.