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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,

Please maximize the impact of current investments in maintenance, safety, and emissions reduction, while not overburdening future generations with debt.

With ODOT's loan payments surging by 400%, we need the Guardrails for Good Governance rules to stop the overspending and save money for tomorrow's road and bridge work. By making sure every dollar is used efficiently and oversight is tightened, we can fix our roads while keeping costs down.

Before ground is broken, ODOT must show the public the total price tag, including interest and opportunity costs (i.e. which other projects will be cancelled to pay for this one).

I urge you to pass both Guardrails for Good Governance, SB 1543, and Measure What We Drive, SB 1542.

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