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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1601

I support public transit.

I oppose cuts to public transit funding because:

- 1.) Cuts harms the large swath of our community that can't or refuses to drive. Compromising public transit is a compromise on equity and accessibility in our community.
- 2.) I think adding bus stops along a route would be a cheaper and quicker (and also a recompensatable) alternative to adding lanes when trying to alleviate traffic congestion.
- 3.) Single occupant vehicles are wasteful, bad for the environment, and causes traffic congestion.
- 4.) Transportation is one of the greatest contributors to climate pollution. EVs are a solution, but to make it easier on the grid and our ability to reach our climate goals, we also need to invest in alternative modes of transportation other than single occupant vehicles.

Not only that, but the proposed \$17 million in cuts to the Safe Routes to School program and \$35 million in cuts to miscellaneous safety projects puts our community's safety at risk.

In conclusion, I urge you to not cut public transit funding because doing so threatens equity and access, traffic congestion, the climate, and public safety.

Thank you for your consideration.