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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or SB1601
Topic:

My name is Charles Rynerson and I am a resident of Portland. I oppose the proposed legislation in SB 1601 with -3 amendment.

There are many meetings in Salem and Eugene that I drove to because there was no southbound train in the morning. We need more frequent and reliable train service in the Willamette Valley. The one time that I took the train I was an hour and late to present to the Lane County Board of Commissioners because there was a freight train that wouldn't fit into the Brooklyn Yard and was blocking the single track. That is unacceptable. Incremental improvements to the rail line are needed and will do so much to increase ridership and take more traffic off of I-5.

Please maintain funding for the Transportation Operating Fund and Connect Oregon.