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On Behalf Of:

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Capital Construction

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1601

Hello,

I am a resident of Portland, Oregon, and I am entirely dependent on public transit. I also live in a high traffic area and would experience outsized negative effects if funding for safety programs and traffic services were to be cut. I urge you to refrain from endangering me and others like me who rely on this funding for my survival. I travel to Seattle occasionally, and I understand that this bill as it's proposed would reduce funding for Connect Oregon. This is likely to raise costs and/or reduce my ability to connect with my loved ones in Seattle.

My partner is a preschool teacher who similarly relies on public transit and would additionally be directly impacted by cuts to the Safe Routes to School program. Negative funding towards this program would have direct, painful effects on my partner, the little kids she teaches and cares for, and everyone else connected to this work, myself included.

I also rely on walking and biking infrastructure, and am deeply interested in maintaining, if not increasing, measures towards safety and security in our bridges, buildings, and all our infrastructure projects. The cuts to these programs as proposed is a slap in the face of the huge number of Portland and Oregon residents who do not drive, and also those who do but who care about our collective well being.

I urge you to consider the well being of your constituents, of the environment, and of your legacy.

Do not support any funding package that retains these harmful, financially non-sensical, and unpopular proposals.

Thank you,  
Jacob