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On Behalf Of:

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Capital Construction

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Topic:

I strongly oppose this bill and the funding cuts to Connect Oregon and Safe Routes to School that are contained within it. We need to be providing more funding for alternatives to driving, not less, especially in the wake of another war in the Middle East that is certain to drive up fuel prices. Amtrak Cascades has seen record ridership year after year lately, which will only increase with the addition of new modern equipment due to arrive later this year. Now is not the time to undercut commitments and investments we have already made. Highways already have many revenue streams to pull from. In the face of such a budget shortfall, I'd suggest looking there before slashing funding from transit. Moving forward with this bill would go directly against the stated goals the stated values and goals of this government and set us well behind on our environmental goals, and I hope you reconsider your position on it. Thank you