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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1601

I am writing in opposition to -3 amendments to HB 1601 which reduce funding for passenger rail and multi-use paths. Reducing rail funding will prevent Oregon from receiving federal matching funds. Rail travel, walking, and cycling have lower carbon footprints than flying or driving. Multi-use paths enable people to safely travel by foot, mobility device, and bicycle. These modes of transportation are important for those who cannot drive, including children, seniors, and disabled people. Please make no cuts to the Oregon Community Paths Program, Multimodal Active Transportation Fund, Transportation Operating Funds, and Safe Routes to School Funds.