



May 1, 2013

Chris Garrett
Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Representative Garrett:

I, Washington County Chairman Andy Duyck, **oppose House Bill 3316**, a bill to change how the TriMet board is appointed. Washington County has had a long and productive relationship with TriMet and has found TriMet responsive to our county's growing transportation needs.

TriMet governance is not the issue that requires legislative action. Please focus on the real problem and help TriMet address their skyrocketing health care costs.

Washington County is the fastest growing part of the Portland-Metropolitan area and as a result, our transportation needs have grown similarly. And transit is an important element in keeping our region's economy moving and attractive to business.

I am concerned that **HB 3316 will decrease and marginalize Washington County's representation on the Board of Directors**. Currently, three board members serve communities in our county; however HB 3316 would reduce our area to two votes out of an expanded 11-member board. I believe that the current proportional representation is the fairest method to ensure equal and accountable representation for all.

I request that you leave TriMet's governance structure intact and allow them to continue their efforts to expand transit options in our community.

I appreciate your hard work and leadership. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Andy Duyck
Chairman, Washington County Board of Commissioners

CC: Speaker Tina Kotek
Majority Leader Val Hoyle
Representative Chris Gorsek