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Representative Caddy McKeown, Chair

House Transportation & Economic Development Committee

900 Court Street NE

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Chair McKeown and members of the committee,

Public transit is of critical importance to so many members of our communities who for various reasons have no other means of transport to their jobs, medical appointments, for shopping and other needs. It is an important part of the fabric of our communities for commerce as well as social needs for large and growing numbers of our people. It is also very important to help control congestion and reduce the need for further expansion of Oregon's excellent road system.

Oregon's transit districts – including the Rogue Valley Transportation District - face operational challenges and struggle to maintain services, resulting in underserved communities that impacts employers and workers, seniors and those disabled, students and many others.

HB 4078 will be a major benefit to the State by providing a dependable, stable and equitable source of funding for rural and smaller urban transit providers – funding that allows them to access federal funds that otherwise would be left on the table. We support and value our small and rural transit systems and districts that provide needed and valuable services to a large segment of our population.

Please support HB 4078.

Thank you,

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