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Hello Oregon legislators:

My name is Thomas Martin. I live and work in Portland, and believe it is important for the Portland Bureau of Transportation (and other local jurisdictions) have the ability to set their own speed limits without ODOT interference. Local and regional policy makers are more informed on local traffic safety issues. Agencies such as PBOT are immersed in their communities and can react faster than a statewide department. At least two Portland City commissioners are in support of setting speed limits of certain highways and roadways.

Lastly, there is an inherent lack of equity in how vehicle speed limits are set, and this significantly impacts the public health and safety of our residents. As an example, Portland, speed limits are typically lower for all roadways in the central city, but much higher in East Portland. While population densities are similar for both areas, East Portland is disproportionately less wealthy than central Portland, with higher populations of immigrants, youth, elders, and people with disabilities. East Portland residents rely more on walking, biking and transit to get around, which puts them more in danger of injury or death from the higher vehicle speeds they encounter while crossing busy, high volume streets.

Thank you for your consideration and time on this matter.

Sincerely,

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