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Dear Oregon,

Please install lower speed limits and make it easier to install lower speed limits.

I was once hit by a car in a crosswalk on SW Scholls Ferry Road. I had just exited TriMet's busy bus 56. The speed limit where I was it was by SW Laurelwood Ave which has a 30 mph speed limit. The southern section of SW Laurelwood Ave has had two people walking who have died on that road. Laurelwood connects over 2,000 students with three giant nearby schools of Jesuit High School, Oregon Episcopal School and Raleigh Hills K-8. The city of Beaverton has refused to aggressively push ODOT to lower the speed limit.

People walking, using a wheelchair or crutches, riding a skateboard or bicycle are more likely to survive a crash from a car at 20 mph compared to 25 mph. Oregon does not have anything to benefit from the status quo of high speed limits because the state doesn't have any automobile manufacturers. The economy of bicycles is something for which to be grateful and it is something to cherish in comparison to many other states in the USA.

Lower speed limits would encourage more people to exercise and use active transportation and public transportation in Oregon. There is an obesity epidemic in Oregon and it needs a war declared against it. Oregon has an extreme lack of rails-to-trails. Therefore, Oregon needs safer streets. The only city in Oregon currently making it easier to drive fast in the urban core is Tillamook with newly-built narrow sidewalks. Why destroy the urban cores? Streets near schools are often clogged and attacked with illegally-blocked bike lanes and fire lanes from minivans. Kids need to be free from helicopter parents. Those parents would be more likely to believe that their children can safely get to school with lower speed limits and strict law enforcement.

Stand up for safety or please leave the state now !

Sincerely,

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