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Chair Prozanski and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

In the course of discussing House Bill 2777 with community stakeholders, it has become clear that, once passed, it would be helpful for TriMet to convene a community oversight work group to provide advice and feedback relating to the administrative process for adjudicating ordinance violations covered in this legislation.

It is our intent to bring a group together later this year that will assist us in implementing this legislation. The members of the community oversight work group will be recommended by our existing Transit Equity Advisory Committee, with a goal of including the following perspectives among appointees:

- A person under 30 years of age who regularly uses mass transit services.
- An active member of a labor union, appointed after consultation with the labor union that represents TriMet workers.
- A person with a disability who regularly uses mass transit services.
- A person who is transit-dependent and who demonstrates sufficient experience and knowledge to promote the interests of minority and low-income communities who use Tri-Met services.
- A person who is a member of the Oregon State Bar who is knowledgeable about civil rights law.
- A person who is a representative of an organization that advocates for criminal sentencing reform.
- Other persons as determined by the Transit Equity Advisory Committee.

We will work with our Board, the Transit Equity and Advisory Committee, and this work group as we develop proposals for implementing HB 2777 that ensure effective fare enforcement while providing a flexible and more individualized process for adjudicating violations.

To ensure public accountability, we will make all information related to the work group's activities available to the public, including:

- Any proposed ordinance or amendment submitted to the work group for feedback.
- Any written recommendations of members of the work group submitted to TriMet.
- Any written responses by TriMet to recommendations of a work group member.

Thank you for your support of HB 2777.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Neil McFarlane".

Neil McFarlane

General Manager, TriMet