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Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization
Senator Lee Beyer, Senate Chair
Representative Caddy McKeown, House Chair
Re: HB 2017

Dear Joint Committee on Transportation,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this critical plan to upgrade Oregon's transportation infrastructure. In particular, we support the long overdue portion of the bill that intends to ease congestion in the Portland Metropolitan region and improve freight mobility.

While we do have some concerns with how the proposed Congestion Mitigation Districts will work in the future, it does not rise to the level of opposition to the plan.

Additionally, it is our hope to complete a pilot seismic triage program in Southern Oregon, with future application to other critical regions of the state that will be impacted by a Cascadia subduction event. We are pleased to see this pilot project included in the plan and hope see it to fruition.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Brad S. Hicks, CCE
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