



February 8, 2017

The Honorable Ginny Burdick, Chair
Senate Rules Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Dear Senator Burdick,

When Jan Campbell was selected as one of the Oregon Commission for Women's 2015 Women of Achievement Award, it was recognition of her decades-long commitment to making our community and our state a better place for all.

For 20+ years, Jan has served on TriMet's Committee on Accessible Transportation – known as the CAT Committee, and much of that time, she has served as its Chair. With an inclusive approach, she's dedicated to equity, and ensures that all viewpoints are heard and considered when making important decisions that affect TriMet's regional transit system and our riders.

She is tireless in her advocacy to improve access and mobility for those who ride our bus and MAX trains, but also our paratransit service that delivers door-to-door service for those unable to ride regular bus and MAX service. When TriMet was the first agency in North America to consider moving to low-floor MAX trains in the mid-1990s, Jan helped us take the leap for universal access. And as our MAX system has expanded, Jan and the feedback from the CAT committee have made our projects better and our vehicles work even better for people with disabilities.

She knows that better access and mobility truly changes lives and brings more independence and a higher quality of life. Jan has been a champion for equality, a positive influence on change in the region, and clearly an outstanding leader in advocating for women and people with disabilities.

To sum it up, our entire community is a better place because of Jan's leadership. Over the years, she has easily volunteered thousands of hours to improve our community especially to provide more access to transit and more independence for seniors and people with disabilities.

Thanks to you and the Committee for this recognition of Jan's great work and the work of many other women of achievement you honor today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Neil McFarlane".

Neil McFarlane
General Manager