From: <u>Mountain View Neighborhood Association</u>

To: <u>JCT Exhibits</u>
Subject: Senate Bill 558

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Dear Members on the Joint Committee on Transportation:

I live in Bend where I am the Chair of the Mountain View Neighborhood Association. I am writing in support of Senate Bill 558 because it would allow the City of Bend to lower speed limits on residential streets to 20 miles per hour.

Our neighborhood association (approximately 5,800 households) conducted two transportation surveys in our neighborhood in 2018. We heard consistent concern from residents about excessive speeds on residential streets that imperil the safety of pedestrians, bikers, and children walking to school. We have currently implemented a "Please Slow Down, It's Our Town" pilot program in our neighborhood that seeks to educate drivers on the need for safe speeds.

I urge you to support passage of Senate Bill 558 to give cities like Bend the right to lower the speed limit to 20 miles per hour on our residential streets.

Thank you.

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