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Senate Interim Committee on Rules and Executive Appointments  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Honorable Chair Wagner, Vice Chair Knopp, and members of the committee,

The Portland Business Alliance (the Alliance) is greater Portland's Chamber of Commerce and represents the largest, most diverse network of businesses in the region. The Alliance advocates for business at all levels of government to support commerce, community health, and the region's overall prosperity. We represent over 2,100 members, from 27 counties, 13 states, and virtually every industry sector. More than 80% of our members are small businesses.

I write today to express the Alliance's strong support for the Senator Lee Beyer's nomination to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC). After decades of widely respected service in the Oregon legislature, where he established himself as one of our State's most knowledgeable and effective leaders on transportation funding and policy, Senator Beyer is perhaps the most prepared Oregonian to serve on the OTC. We strongly urge swift confirmation of his nomination.

Senator Beyer has unquestionably been one of Oregon's most effective leaders advancing multi-modal transportation infrastructure, and modernization policy and funding proposals in Oregon. He has successfully worked to find the right balance between expanding transportation access, supporting the movement of goods, maintaining our infrastructure, and reducing carbon emissions. This has been extremely challenging work, and time and again Senator Beyer has demonstrated his ability to advance landmark transportation solutions that take into account the perspective of all stakeholders from across the State. There is no better example than the 2017 transportation package (HB 2017) he stewarded through the legislature earning bi-partisan and multi-stakeholder support. More recently, his knowledge and steady leadership have been invaluable as a Co-Chair of the Joint Interim Committee on the I-5 bridge.

In these divisive times, it is imperative that we continue to support and celebrate leaders like Senator Beyer. He has proven that he possesses a deep knowledge of the transportation needs of the entire state and will collaborate with his colleagues and stakeholders to advance the balanced transportation solutions we will need in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We urge you to support his nomination.

Warmest Regards,

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Portland Business Alliance

