

Dear members of the committee,

At a time when all Oregon state agencies have been impressively mandated by Governor Kate Brown to reduce the carbon output of their activities and jurisdictions, I am baffled and disconcerted that Governor Brown has nominated someone like Lee Beyer to sit on the Oregon Transportation Commission. Transportation is considered Oregon's leading contributor of carbon into our atmosphere. Lee Beyer's statement to the committee yesterday made no mention of carbon emissions or of the current and continuing climate crisis. He is interested in roads.

Lee Beyer is the wrong person for this very critical position. Climate friendly transportation was needed decades ago. We are way behind in our pursuit to lower carbon and to achieve transportation equity.

Youth must be represented on this commission. Someone from a generation who will experience the results of the decisions made now. Curiosity and experience with alternative modes must be represented. Someone with a broad new vision of transportation, or is at least open and curious about what can be possible. Users of alternative transportation modes must be represented. Someone who uses alternative transportation (to the single occupancy vehicle (SOV).

Please reconsider this nomination. Help choose a person who will help Oregon reach its greenhouse gas emissions of at least 45 percent below 1990 emissions by 2035. Your children and grandchildren cannot live with a vote by you for the status quo.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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