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Hell joint legislative transportation committee,

My name is Skylar Cruz, I use she/her pronouns and I'm a lifetime resident of the Portland area. I care deeply about Portland as well all of Oregon

I am writing this letter as I watch other passionate community members speak to you live. I'm currently situated in an overflow room as the main meeting room has surpassed fire codes. Obviously a lot of people are very interested in building a better Oregon. I hope as you listen to this testimony you are able to differentiate between those who speak with empathy and those looking to increase profits.

As I listen in, the cheers and applause are very clearly pointed in one direction. Listen to your young constituents. We want to stop freeways, we want to improve transit, we want safer streets for all. These young people are the future of Oregon.

There's a lot of concerns about budget. It's true that we need new forms of revenue in order to maintain our infrastructure and provide there services. However much of the funding needs as outlined in your presentation are for freeway expansions.

Freeway expansions do not solve congestion. There does not exist a freeway expansion in a growing city that doesn't eventually become congested again. Induced demand will only further cement Portland as a vehicle heavy city. Our downtown cannot support more cars. Our streets are small and pedestrian friendly. We should be leaning into the strengths we have and make Portland a transit forward and walkable destination.

I hope the testimony of the young people of Portland doesn't fall on deaf ears. Thank you for your time

Regards,
Skylar Cruz