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Submitted written testimony to the Joint Committee on Transportation for the 6/4 Roadshow Hearing:

One of my best friends living in NE Portland was hit by a an uninsured driver while walking home in March of this year. While they're thankfully recovering, it's been a painful and harrowing time for all of us attempting to manage insurance claims, legal battles, work leave, and housing. They are wheelchair bound and were living in a 2nd floor apartment with no elevator. They are lucky to have friends with the ability to house them, but with an inability to work, these are the kinds of moments that drive more and more citizens to homelessness, which our officials claim to care about.

I walk and bike for most day to day errands and this experience has made me afraid of my city. Cully, where I live, has limited sidewalks (my area has none), no protected bike lanes, and few vehicle interventions to prevent speeding and racing on main thoroughfares.

Safety is of utmost import until we have it, and in a small city with so many pedestrians, bikers, and scooter users, that should involve creating and protecting lanes for those modes of travel, creating physical speed interventions and modified driving patterns for cars for better attentiveness (not just signs that lower the speed limit or alerts of a recent traffic death), updating street light patterns so pedestrians go before cars do, and improving public transportation services.