



July 19, 2024

Joint Committee on Transportation
796 West 13th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97402

Re: Testimony

Dear Committee,

The Reveille Foundation is a local, 501C3, non-profit organization that provides holistic support to the underserved community. We currently serve 80 homeless veterans and individuals in Eugene and Creswell. We provide housing, behavioral health and wraparound services with the mission to help people remove barriers to a better life. One of the biggest barriers to success is transportation and our partnership with Lane Transportation District and their subsidized bus pass program is a critical element in helping our clients get the helping hand that supports their advancement to a better life.

If not for this program, our clients would not be able to get to job interviews, health appointments, court ordered programs and other resources that help them move to a more independent life.

There have been many examples of our clients utilizing the resources at LTD to give them access to more opportunities than they have in our limited area around our property. One of our clients, Michael, was homeless and identified by an LTD security manager who contacted us on a homeless veteran at their bus station. We worked together to find this veteran and we have housed him in our program, supported his mental health and employment and he is about to move to permanent housing with a Section 8 voucher. This partnership is changing lives for the better.

This program is an essential part of our community resources. The continuation of LTD community awareness and the subsidized bus program has no equal in literally moving people forward.

If you have questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Yamamori". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Yamamori
President & CEO