

Co-Chairs McClain and Gorsek & Members of the Committee:

Thank you for coming to Hillsboro. I would like to make several points:

1) I hope that the committee will begin the process of transitioning general aviation aircraft using leaded aviation fuel to unleaded fuel by requiring airports that receive funding from Connect Oregon to discontinue the use of leaded aviation fuel. This is especially pertinent now that the EPA has determined that any amount of lead is dangerous to human health and we have 3/4 ton of lead dropped on the residents living near the Hillsboro Airport (the 8th most lead polluted airport in the country according to an EPA study and the largest general aviation airport in Oregon.

2) I fervently hope that the committee will come to realize that the continued economic growth in this area will place a greater burden on our transportation infrastructure. Therefore it is important to continue to fund our roads but also to provide full funding for Safe Streets programs, bicycle trails, public transportation and walking paths.

3) It is time for the committee to realize that our state is in the midst of an environmental tipping point with the number of cars on the road and the amount of lead in our environment. We can't just add more money to solve a problem. We have to work collaboratively and require governmental agencies like cities and counties to actively pursue transportation options if they are to continue to receive state funding. A required third party audit should be another requirement that the committee attaches to any legislation or recommendations that you develop.

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