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On Behalf Of:  
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I want to start by saying Thank You to members of the committee for your commitment to serve The People of Oregon.

Thank you for your time and considering this Bill. This bill is an essential piece of the transportation patchwork of getting kids to school today. As parents want and need safe climate friendly affordable alternatives to meet family schedules and kids need to learn how to be free and independent people, school buses are serving the needs of fewer and fewer Oregonians.

I have been a volunteer for the Bike Bus since Earth Day of 2022. In that time I have seen children who were timid to ride bikes in the streets with friends grow into confident independent riders; from asking Mom or Dad to ride right next to them to asking Mom and Dad to stay behind so they can ride with friends. Words don't describe the joy and arena of learned life skills that this simple 1.5 mile bike ride endows to the kids who take part. This needs to be able to be funded by Oregon's school districts.

Please support this bill out of Committee and through the floor.

Thank you again for your service and your time,

-Paul Buchanan