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On Behalf Of:

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Co-Chair Gorsek and McLain, Co-Vice-Chair Boquist and Boshart Davis, and members of the Committee.

I am writing to express my strong support for SB846, which directs Metro to study rail corridors within Metro, including the inventory of rail corridors and the feasibility of using them to carry passenger trains.

I believe it is crucial that we explore all options to improve our transportation system. Rail corridors offer a unique opportunity to provide efficient and reliable transportation for our residents while also reducing traffic congestion, lowering emissions, and promoting economic growth.

Investing in rail infrastructure can create new job opportunities and stimulate economic development. This is especially important in my district, where we have a diverse and growing population that relies heavily on public transportation.

I applaud the sponsors of SB846 for recognizing the potential benefits of rail corridors and for taking the necessary steps to explore their feasibility. I urge all members of the committee to support this important legislation and move it forward for a full vote.