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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB1572

I am testifying in support of Senate Bill 1572 to expand WES to Salem. Providing a rail option will help reduce i5 traffic in an economically efficient manner. Furthermore providing a rail alternative to driving is beneficial to our state's aim to reduce our carbon emissions. For those who can't or don't drive, public transit offers a crucial resource in terms of economic and personal manners. Hopefully, this bill can be the catalyst for a Willamette Valley rail service to enhance Oregon travel. We Oregonians deserve alternatives to driving that are safe, environmentally friendly, and efficient, and WES service can provide that.