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My name is Laizu Akter, and I live in North Plains. I am writing today in strong support of funding for the Oregon Department of Transportation.

ODOT plays a critical role in keeping our state moving safely and efficiently. In our community and across Oregon, we rely on well-maintained highways, safe bridges, reliable traffic management, and timely winter maintenance. Without adequate funding, these essential services will be severely reduced, leading to real impacts on everyday people: longer commutes, more dangerous road conditions, and slower emergency response times.

Investing in ODOT is not just about infrastructure—it is about safety, economic stability, and quality of life. Businesses depend on our transportation system to deliver goods, families depend on safe roads to get their children to school, and all of us depend on functioning highways and transit connections to move through our daily lives.

I also want to acknowledge the hardworking ODOT employees who maintain and operate this system. Potential layoffs or service reductions would have devastating consequences, not only for those workers but for the communities that rely on their expertise and dedication.

I urge you to approve the necessary funding measures and keep Oregon's transportation system strong, safe, and reliable for all of us.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully,
Laizu Akter
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