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On Behalf Of:
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Co-Chairs Wagner and Fahey and Members of the Committee,

I applaud the legislature for convening this special session, ensuring that ODOT will continue to maintain to our roads, that hundreds of public servants will not be laid off, and that major transit cuts that would deprive thousands of Oregonians of mobility will not occur. The bill also includes much needed provisions such as a mandatory Road Usage Charge, which helps solve the revenue erosion of the fuel tax.

This proposed bill is however far, far away from supporting Oregon's transportation needs. Oregonians deserve a transportation funding measure that puts safe streets, multimodal connections, and transit first. This bill instead continues to keep afloat a transportation system that continues to see increasing fatalities year over year, contributes to the growing climate crisis, and puts the 30% of Oregonians who don't drive last.

While I do hope to see the provisions in this special session bill pass, I seriously request the legislature pass a comprehensive transportation package that would permanently fund a climate-friendly, safe, and affordable transportation system, whether during this special session or during upcoming legislative sessions.

Thank you for your time and attention to the increasing stakes of these issues.

Best,
Tuyet-Hoa Le