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Co-Chair Senate President Robert Wagner  
Co-Chair Speaker Julie Fahey  
Co-Vice Chair Daniel Bonham  
Co-Vice Chair Christine Drazan  
Joint Interim Committee on Transportation Funding

RE: Support LC 2

Cochairs McLain and Gorsek, for the record, my name is Joseph Moore and I am an Engineering and Surveying technician for Benton County Public Works and the chief steward of AFSCME Local 2064. My position is entirely funded through the gas tax. I am here today to speak on the importance of supporting a transportation fix that will keep the transportation workforce in place until the next long session in 2027.

All of the revenue generated in this bill will go into the State Highway Fund which directs revenue in the following allocations: 50 percent goes to the state, 30 percent goes to the counties, and 20 percent goes to the cities. Maintaining the existing transportation revenue funding formula will ensure that Oregon's State and Local government road workers can continue to do what we love - provide safe roads and access for Oregonian's.

Oregon's local government employees, like Benton County workers, are depending on you. If this bill does not pass, it will negatively impact departments like mine across the state, and our ability to ensure safe travel to critical services for average commuters. We have all heard about the ODOT workers who will be laid off if this Special Session is not successful. This Bill and preserving the 50/30/20 split will not only protect the safety and livelihood of countless hardworking Oregonians, it will support every day commuters as they live full lives and support Oregon's communities and their economies.

I have been with Benton County for 6 years now and, for the first time in my career, we are in a hiring freeze, through our next biennium, due to the federal funding issues. Our road crew is already two positions short and any further cuts will only cause more harm. Crew staffing will be cut which will lead to unsafe working conditions. You may not know that currently, if an accident or some other incident like a flood or landslide occurs through the night, our workers may be dispatched individually to assess and address the issue. This working reality is already concerning. If the ODOT crews are cut that will



ensure that more people will get hurt and there will be a higher acuity - because it will take the remaining workers longer to get to them. LC 2 and protecting the 50/30/20 funding split will better ensure that there are no additional safety concerns for our team and all of the communities we serve.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joseph Moore

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