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Dear Members of the Joint Interim Committee on Transportation Funding in the State of Oregon,

Be Your Best would like to submit testimony in support of Governor Kotek's proposed transportation package. While we recognize that this is far from a perfect solution to an ongoing problem, and that increased taxes will indeed place a higher burden on people who are already struggling to make ends meet, we expect that the Legislature will recognize the urgency in passing this Bill in order to prevent cuts in county and city road departments. These cuts would be detrimental to many of our communities in rural Oregon, where landslides and other weather-related events such as ice storms often cut off the only routes for emergency services and first responders. Additionally, cuts to public transit reduce access for the most vulnerable populations including senior citizens and low-income families who rely on public transportation.

Please encourage the passage of the proposed transportation package.

With thanks,

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