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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3453

Dear Co-Chair McLain, Co-Chair Gorsek, Vice-Chair Boshart-Davis, Vice-Chair Starr, and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

My name is Katherine Poet and I am an Oregonian who supports HB 3453. This bill seeks to expand regional transportation options between Portland, Salem, and Eugene.

I have lived most of my life in Southern Oregon but attended university at Oregon State University in Corvallis. As a student, I frequently went on trips to Portland and experienced significant congestion on I-5 and other routes to the city. Currently, I am living abroad in South Korea as a public school English teacher. I live an hour outside of Seoul, a major world city, and am easily able to travel into the city without a car. This is possible due to the robust public transportation system that supports subway lines, high speed railways, and dedicated bus lanes.

HB 3453 would allow for Oregonians to more easily travel between Portland, Salem, and Eugene while reducing congestion and greenhouse-gas emissions. It is my hope that Oregonians will also be able to have access to accessible and well connected public transit options like those I have seen in my time in South Korea.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 3453. I urge you to vote in support of this bill.