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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek and Members of the Committee,

I write today in support of the increased transit funding and the STIF program in HB 2025. The increased funding for the STIF program in this package will help prevent significant cuts to public transit service across Oregon.

As a senior (honored citizen), I depend on the MAX Blue line to travel from East Portland to go to downtown Portland and beyond. I don't have many other choices for fast and inexpensive travel, we're still the outer "suburbs". Traffic on I84 and I5 has gone from bad to worse, no matter what time of day now.

While the funding proposed in this package is not enough to provide the additional transit service I would like to see, it will prevent Oregonians like me from being stranded without the transportation access I depend on. Please support HB 2025.

Sincerely,

John Learned
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