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Dear Chair Bowman and members of the committee,

My name is Cassie Wilson and I'm the Transportation Policy Manager at 1000 Friends of Oregon. I'm here to speak in strong opposition to this HB 3402 transportation package replacement bill.

Keeping essential ODOT workers in their jobs is important - but we can't leave their counterparts at cities, counties, and transit agencies out in the cold. If our goal is to keep the lights on, HB 3402 does not come close to achieving it.

Over the past couple years many legislators have said that transportation is a network - you can't have one piece without the others. State highways connect us to city and county roads. Transit keeps the 30% of Oregonians who can't or don't drive moving.

I, along with the Move Oregon Forward coalition have been hard at work engaging on the transportation package for the past couple of years. We are really proud of the final version of HB 2025 that was voted out of committee last night. It's not perfect, it doesn't have everything Oregonians asked for, but it is a practical compromise that can keep the state, counties, cities, and transit moving. It can make sure people's basic transportation needs are met.

We turned out across the state last summer for the listening tour, participated in workgroups, and have shown up every step of the way this session. There has been and continues to be growing distrust in the state government to truly listen to Oregonians, so to throw away the work of the past couple years would further erode that trust.

We urge rejection of this bill in favor of a package that truly invests in safe, reliable, and fair transportation. I understand that taking a vote on tax increases is difficult, but the amended version of HB 2025 really has slimmed down those increases and would prevent you all from ending up back here in a special or short session having to take these votes all over again. We support investments that we can see in our communities. Let's get this done and get it done right.

We have worked with Oregonians to enhance our quality of life by building livable urban and rural communities, protecting family farms and forests, and conserving natural areas since 1974.

Do not move this bill forward and instead get back to the floor and vote for HB 2025 and get your Senate colleagues to join you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cassie Wilson". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Cassie" and the last name "Wilson" clearly legible.

Cassie Wilson
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