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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3402

Chair Bowman, Vice-Chairs Drazan and Pham, Members of the Committee,

This bill is a betrayal of all Oregonians. It is utterly asinine that after months of community outreach and engagement that have made clear that transportation is a priority for Oregonians, whether they drive cars all the time or not, that this bill is being proposed as any kind of reasonable alternative to HB2025. While HB2025 is not perfect, it has extremely valuable provisions for better transportation for all. HB3402 has taken that "all" bit and utterly decimated it, chopping pieces off until only ODOT is left. Funding ODOT is important, but transportation is not singular in nature. Cities and counties rely on state funding to maintain crucial infrastructure. Transit agencies rely on state funding to ensure that their service is accessible and fundamentally usable. It is not usable if they must eliminate 2/3 of their bus routes. The people of Oregon rely on state investments in safety to ensure that they and their families are safe on the roads. The fauna and flora of Oregon rely on state investment in climate-resilient transportation to survive and thrive for all Oregonians to enjoy. A balanced transportation funding bill will give Oregonians to mobility to get where they need or want to. This is emphatically not that.

This bill undermines the very building blocks of how Oregonians get around, whether by car, on foot, on bikes, or transit. I urge you to reject this poor substitution of a bill and instead pass HB2025.

Sincerely,
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Portland and Eugene