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My name is Wei Wang, and I live in Medford Oregon. I am writing today to urge you to support the passage of a comprehensive transportation funding package in this special session.

Oregon's transportation system is the backbone of our economy and our communities. Every day, families, businesses, first responders, and school buses rely on safe and well-maintained roads. Without immediate action, we face deep cuts to the Oregon Department of Transportation and local agencies—cuts that will mean fewer plows on winter highways, longer response times in emergencies, and deteriorating infrastructure that puts lives at risk. I understand that raising revenue is never easy. But the cost of inaction is far higher. Laying off ODOT staff will not only harm hundreds of families but will also erase decades of training and expertise that we cannot quickly replace. Cities and counties, which depend on their share of the State Highway Fund, will also be forced to reduce basic maintenance—potholes won't be filled, bridges will weaken, and rural communities will be isolated. I want to emphasize that this is not just about asphalt and guardrails. It is about safety, jobs, and the future of our state. A reliable transportation system keeps commerce moving, allows emergency vehicles to reach people in need, and ensures that every Oregonian—from Portland to Medford to small coastal and mountain towns—can get to work, school, and medical care.

I urge you to take this opportunity to invest in Oregon's future. Please pass transportation funding in this special session to protect public safety, preserve critical jobs, and keep Oregon moving forward.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to serving the people of Oregon.