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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Support for HB 2025 – STIF funding

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. I have been a regular rider since the 90s, and a significant aspect of why I have chosen to live in Portland is its excellent and reliable public transportation system. As a disabled voter, it is important that I speak in favor of HB 2025, not just for my own needs, but the needs of riders that I see every day, both abled and otherwise. Even people I know who own cars take Tri-Met for convenience, and service cuts will only lead to further hindrances for all potential riders. Tri-met is an invaluable resource for a significant portion of the population who depend on service to make it to and from their jobs. Please help keep Portland a great place to live and work!

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,

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