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On Behalf Of:

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I endorse this measure as one of the most important of this legislative session. It provides badly needed funding for critical transportation services and projects. I applaud the inclusion of dedicated funding for rail and transit in particular. This is the kind of forward thinking that will help ensure Oregon is a great place to live into the future.

My only criticism of the bill is that the transit funding falls short of what many transit agencies across the state have said they need just to maintain current service levels. The payroll tax should be increased to at least 0.4% and preferably 0.5% for transit. This would ensure that critical transit service is maintained at current levels, which are already low in many places.

Thank you for considering my comments.