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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Transportation
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4085

Dear members of the committee,

I am a concerned citizen, student, transit dependent, and disabled person residing in the state of Oregon. I am writing to you to oppose House Bill 4085. This bill gives little oversight or regulation and would make it far too easy for companies like Waymo to operate in our city. Citizens in other cities where Waymo operates often speak about the dangers of these vehicles. This will put children, the elderly, and people with disabilities in the clear path of danger, as it was for a child who was recently struck and killed in Santa Monica, California by a Waymo operated vehicle. You can easily find numerous footage from other metropolitan areas where Waymo vehicles are not obeying traffic laws, and entering areas meant solely for public transit which causes delays and compromises safety.

I urge you to rethink this bill, especially amid this year's Trimet budget shortfall. We don't need more private companies operating systems that undercut services that are for the good of the public. We need more infrastructure in place to create public transit systems that are accessible to all and serve those that are the most dependent on them. We do not need another ride share service, let alone one that is dangerous, that takes away from our already existing transit systems that are operating on a shoestring budget and facing cuts.

Sincerely,

Aubrie Cooper