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Cc: [Sen Hass](#); [Rep Malstrom](#)
Subject: HB 3231 - Really?
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Dear Senator Hass, Representative Malstrom, and the House Transportation Policy Committee,

Really? A larger, privatized version of the Westside Bypass?

I have chosen a small pocket of Washington County, in Garden Home, to call my home. I love it there because I can connect to city amenities easily (including the MAX with a short bike or car ride, or 2 bus lines within walking distance) AND I can connect with the countryside easily. I absolutely love our connection to the local farmlands and communities that support regional agriculture.

Adding a large highway in the rural zones of our region only serves to hurt our long-term vision of Oregon as a state that has thriving metropolises connected to vibrant working agriculture, and natural spaces. When we sacrifice the working ag and natural spaces in order to advance car-dependent development, we are losing our vision.

Can we please work with alternate solutions? Exhaust our options for better transit, more housing focused inward and already connected to job centers, and invest in safe pedestrian and bike spaces (a desperate need in Washington County).

You actually have an opportunity to focus your energies on some of these alternate solutions in the transportation package - prioritize transit investments, safe active transportation, and fix-it-first road maintenance. Let's see what we can do when we make alternative transportation options more attractive and usable before taking the very permanent step of paving over our farms and rural communities.

I am disappointed to have seen my state senator - Senator Hass's - name attached to this proposal. It demonstrates a lack of creativity and a desire to appease the immediate wants of some of the public, without thinking about the long-term health of our community. I am 33 with a new baby. My family is the future. My generation is different - we are not driving as much, we are far more likely to use transit, bike, and walk, and we will be left holding the mess that this highway will leave in its wake. Please think of the future, think of our long-term needs, and think of the grand vision for Oregon before moving this bill forward.

Thank you for your consideration,

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