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Testimony:
Hello,

I moved to Portland 10 years ago for bikes and beer. Bikes, bike lanes, and off road biking access is why I stayed. Seriously, enough with the IPAs.

I value cycling and all of its benefits so much that I have built my business around this form of transportation, and ultimately, the lifestyle. With Portland's influx of new residents accustomed to car culture, the quality of cycling has been threatened. It is imperative that access to more recreational biking increases in a way that is accessible by public transportation and biking itself. Portland's commitment to its natural landscape has also played a large role in why I live here and why millions of people visit and move here every year.

As a kid, biking was the most accessible form of transportation for me as well as my most valued form of recreation. I inhabited the BMX track, the neighborhood streets, and the local trails when I was not at school or playing competitive sports.... I rode my bike with my softball bag to almost every practice. There is nothing like seeing the youth of Portland cranking over to Gateway Green in the summer to spend their days in the dirt. I believe that these kids, who have been given an introduction to off road cycling at GG, will be the future stewards of off road cycling on future local projects that give them access to an unparalleled freedom.

Biking is accessible. As Portland becomes less and less affordable, there will always be access to bikes.

There are fewer communities more dedicated to the health of their trails than the mountain bikers that I have come to know. Metro will have the support of those riding the trails in forms trail advocacy and maintenance.

Please approve the Master Plan for the North Tualatin Mountains.

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3: