

Honorable co-chairs and members of the committee,

I've had the opportunity to serve on the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission for 12 years during which time we have rewritten our Comp Plan and other policies to deal with Equity, Climate and the challenge of growing population and economic activity without increasing single-occupancy vehicle trips (which would degrade the quality of our community). It's clear to me that to advance all these goals, we need to:

- 1) Avoid expanding freeways, which has been demonstrated over and over again to only increase traffic without decreasing congestion
- 2) Use pricing to manage congestion, which helps our economy function efficiently
- 3) Use the revenue from pricing to address equity issues generated by both the current transportation system and by the pricing

The -8 amendments to this bill would use tolls to fund freeway expansions. This is a disaster for both community health and the climate, will not address congestion and will not address equity.

I urge you to defeat this bill.

Thank you.

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