

To the committee,
Thanks for taking my comments.

At the close of the disastrous fossil fuel era, it is instructive to watch the last desperate attempts by the industries to remain relevant. ALL of the science indicates that we must quickly reverse our dependence on fossil fuels if we are to have any chance of averting climate disaster. That means a clear commitment to reduced vehicle traffic, electrification of all mass transit and an end to the domination of our government by lobbyists bent on locking us into decades more of reliance on the energy industry that got us to this cliff edge.

It is well documented that freeway expansions in the name of eliminating congestion lead only to more congestion. Even more obvious is the fact that lobbyists seek to curry favor with legislators regardless of the damage they are perpetuating. If we are ever to arrest our headlong rush to climate chaos, every action must be weighed with an eye toward science and future generations.

Thank you for looking askance at this bill promoting wrongheaded short term solutions. ODOT has a problem with transparency and bias toward the highway lobby and all of its priorities should be reviewed for their service to the public's interests.

Sincerely,

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