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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB2098

Dear members of the Joint Committee on Transportation:

I am writing in strong opposition to HB 2098-2.

To clarify, I am in support of replacing the current Interstate Bridge, but I strongly oppose HB 2098 -2, because this legislation as currently written jeopardizes a right-sized Bridge Replacement, right now.

Instead, I support the forthcoming -3 Amendment (and the policy recommendations offered by the Just Crossing Alliance) that will ensure that this replacement bridge project moves forward with clear pro-labor provisions, finance guardrails, and major investments in mass transit.

We have a once-in-a- century opportunity to shape the Portland metro area's transportation future, and we must choose the path that replaces the current dangerous bridge without locking in massive additional greenhouse gas emissions and starving all other mass transit and traffic safety investments in Oregon of funds for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration.