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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB2098

I support replacing this bridge, but oppose HB 2098 -2, because this legislation as currently written jeopardizes a right-sized Bridge Replacement, right now.

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

I am fiercely in favor of new thinking with regard to our transportation infrastructure planning and deployment. I believe that it's imperative that we pursue this opportunity to design this crossing with an intentional focus on sustainable mass transit, labor and union support, and the fundamental goal of reducing pollution in our environs. The entire region needs safe and reliable transportation options; I would hate to see this project become so expansive that it substantially diminishes the chance to invest in other safety projects. We need to build for people, not build for cars. Thank you.