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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

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.

In a time where we have record road related deaths and a climate in crisis it is frustrating that so much money be spent on a bloated project when very little money is used to build safer and more climate friendly infrastructure. We should be repairing what we have and looking at alternatives to adding lanes to manage traffic volumes.