

Submitter: Joan Petit

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: HB2098

Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Frederick, Co-Vice-Chairs Boshart Davis and Boquist, and committee members,

My name is Joan Petit, and I live with my two kids, ages 18 and 20, in the Eliot neighborhood of Portland. I support building the bridge, but oppose the -2 amendment to HB 2098. As a single mom, I am concerned about my kids' opportunities as they move into adulthood. I look at what our city and state need-- better, more reliable transit; good local and union jobs; better air; and environmental justice--and what our state and city don't need: a bloated freeway expansion disguised as a bridge project. I am concerned that a \$1 billion general bond will doom our kids to a future spend repaying a project that we don't need, with funds that could be used more wisely.

I do support an amendment like -3 for a right sized bridge, right now. A bridge project like in the -3 amendment will give us a strong, earthquake-resilient bridge with transit and labor support, without making our kids pay off our debts for decades.