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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.

I have crossed the current bridge in cars, on busses, on bikes, and on foot. I recognize that improvements are necessary. Any spending that doesn't prioritize all modes of transit--particularly mass transit--would be wasted money. As the parent of young children, who lives within a mile of I-5 in NE Portland, I support improvements of the bridge, but not expansion.