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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: HB2098

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to HB 2098-2 as it stands. This legislation is once again pouring tax-payer dollars into a wrong-size I-5 Bridge Replacement that refuses to address responsibly the future needs of our region and the young citizens who will inherit its legacy.

Instead, I support for the forthcoming HB 2098-3 Amendment and associated policy recommendations offered by the Just Crossing Alliance. It is imperative that a right-size I-5 bridge replacement be consistent with pro-labor provisions, explicit finance guidelines, and substantial investments in mass transit.

ODOT must stop prioritizing unhealthy freeway expansion and begin an assertive policy-shift toward enhancing road safety, public transit options, and the environmentally friendly upgrade of our state's streets, bridges, and highways, all of which are in urgent need of attention.

Thank you.