



*April 28, 2023*

*Oregon Legislature  
Joint Committee on Transportation  
Co-Chair McLain & Members of the Committee*

*Re: HB 2098 – Testimony In Support of I-5 Bridge Funding*

*Dear Co-Chair McLain & Members of the Committee:*

My name is Diane DeAutremont. I am the President and an owner of Lile International Companies. We are a second-generation transportation and warehousing company that specializes in the relocation of household goods, high-value products and warehousing and distribution. We have 5 Oregon locations and 3 which serve the Portland metro area on a daily basis. We employ in total more than 150 people in Oregon.

I urge you to support HB 2098 and the -2 Amendment.

There is little to no debate that we need a new I-5 bridge. The current bridge is not seismically sound and is dangerous to travel. Furthermore, it does not support the functionality required to serve the economic needs of Oregon's businesses now and will most certainly become more of a major impediment as our population grows.

The time is now. Delay is and will continue to be costly. We must take advantage of the federal funds which are available for this project.

Please pass HB 2098 and the -2 Amendment.

*Sincerely,*

**LILE INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane DeAutremont". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

**Diane DeAutremont**  
**President**

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