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Co-Chairs McLain and Frederick and Members of the Committee:

Please pass HB 2098, inclusive of the -2 amendments. The matching Federal funding is important in protecting Oregonians.

Boshart Trucking vehicles traverse the I-5 corridor through the Portland area every day. This is the only path for us to bring our product to the international market via the Port of Portland.

The most important reason to proceed with the project is to protect Oregonians in the event of a disaster within our state. The current bridge components will not withstand the trauma of an event like a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake.

If both the I-5 and I-205 bridges are incapacitated, emergency and rebuilding supplies will be nearly impossible to bring quickly into the state.

Please take advantage of the matching funding to build a bridge that will have the ability to significantly expand capacity in the event of an emergency. No matter how many lanes you use on a regular day, you will need many more during an emergency.

Thank you for your time and dedication.

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Hedio Schulte
HR & Safety Manager