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On Behalf Of: Labbe-Sabler-Holland Household  
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation  
Measure: HB2098

Dear Joint Committee on Transportation,

We can't afford another freeway expansion project. It is too costly to our long-term efforts at reducing carbon omissions and associated costs of climate change. It is also too costly in terms of the opportunity costs in investing in alternative transportation investments, particularly the diffuse, more equitable, human scale transportation investments that improve safety and reduce traffic-related deaths.

ODOT's claims of spending so much on bike, pedestrians and rail when they are simultaneously proposing a massive widening of the freeway is not progress. It makes things systemically worse.

We don't need a massive freeway so more people can travel with less congestion from Battle Ground. We only need to replace the bridge and existing lanes and extend light rail and bike-pedestrian transportation infrastructure.

Sincerely,  
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