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On Behalf Of:

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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 -3 Amendment (and the policy recommendations offered by the Just Crossing Alliance) that ensures this replacement bridge project moves forward smoothly with a right-sized design, explicit pro-labor provisions, financial guardrails, and major investments in mass transit. We have too many projects and safety improvements that could use the funds that this mega-project would waste. Also this plan expands highways in a time when we should be REDUCING fossil fuel usage to abate the worst ravages of climate change. Build public infrastructure that's reasonable and forward-thinking and stop being like those boneheads in Texas and California that have turned their cities into car-bound sprawling nightmares.