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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB2098

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.

North and NE Portland don't need more highways or pollution. We do need mass transit that connects us directly and quickly to downtown and other areas of work, healthcare and commerce. Instead we see endless cuts to our already circuitous bus lines, no way to get to the airport despite the short distance, and endless traffic that should go under or around the city. Give us alternative ways to get where we need to go, not more lanes, which have been proven over and over to simply increase drivers and end up in the same position.