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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

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.

We need to adopt long-term thinking when making decisions that will amplify behavioral effects for many generations — such as whether to build our infrastructure to encourage sustainable, low-carbon behaviors over time, or magnify current, high-carbon behaviors that exacerbate existing air contaminants, health impacts, and climate-related extreme weather.