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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.

I live two blocks from I-5 in the Boise neighborhood, please, please, consider the families and children that live here. Our son has asthma, I moved back to the neighborhood because I grew up here and I want to invest in the community. But, I can smell the gas in the air and as I look at my son I wonder if I made the wrong choice. Am I dooming his lungs? And my own lungs and my newborn daughter's? Data shows making freeways bigger doesn't ease traffic congestion for very long and it greatly increases the pollution of our neighborhood. Let's create an infrastructure that works for humans to thrive, not more and more cars. Please consider what you are building for our children and our future. Let's innovate --- that's what makes Oregon great!