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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 is not what Portland needs. 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. Our city needs to be thinking critically about investments of this size and prioritizing our citizens, our climate, and our future. This bridge needs to be replaced mindfully in a way that emphasizes mass transit options rather than cars. Thank you!