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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: HB2098

I urge you to adopt the -3 amendment to this bill, which is the only sensible option for the I-5 bridge replacement project. This amendment will ensure that the project is accountable to taxpayers and the environment. The -3 amendment will limit the general obligation bond proceeds to \$250 million and require cost-saving measures if the project exceeds \$6.3 billion. It will also reject the -2 and -4 amendments, which would commit us to fully fund the Rose Quarter Project without any funding caps. As a resident of Portland who lives near I-5, I care deeply about my neighborhood's quality of life. I do not want to see more traffic, pollution, and noise from an oversized freeway project that does not address our transportation needs or our climate goals. I want to see a right-sized bridge that improves safety, mobility, and accessibility for all modes of travel. The -3 amendment is the best way to achieve that vision. Please adopt it and protect our future.