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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.

We cannot afford to fund ODOT's ravenous appetite for freeway lane miles from the state's general fund: if you believe you need to feed the beast, feed it from the Highway Trust Fund. I believe we should not be expanding freeways - or even tolled segments of freeways - at all. Rep Pham's -3 amendment to this bill makes it palatable. Put the money saved into taming and right-sizing orphan highways, too, and we light, pavement-preserving bicyclists will be willing to leave our cars at home. Thank you.