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Dear Co-Chair Gorsek, Co-Chair McLain, and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Senator Curtis King, and I represent the people of Washington State's 14th Legislative District. As a longtime advocate for the replacement of the Hood River-White Salmon Bridge, I write to express my support for HB 2184 and to thank the Oregon Legislature for its continued leadership on this vital bi-state infrastructure project.

The bridge, now a century old, is no longer adequate to serve the safety, transportation, and economic needs of our shared region. Communities on both sides of the Columbia River depend on this connection daily—for commuting, commerce, and emergency access. Replacing the bridge is not just a matter of local importance—it's a regional necessity.

As Ranking Member on the Washington State Senate Transportation Committee, I am working hard to secure our state's full funding commitment. These are challenging budget times, but I believe this project rises to the level of urgent and worthy investment. Oregon's partnership has been essential every step of the way, and the progress we've made to date is a testament to what we can accomplish when we work together.

Passage of HB 2184 will help unlock the federal resources needed to move this project into construction. I look forward to continuing to work with you and with our partners at the Hood River-White Salmon Bridge Authority to deliver a safe, modern crossing for the next 100 years.

Thank you for your continued commitment to this project. If I can answer any questions about this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Senator Curtis King
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