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Hello,

We have lived in St. Johns in North Portland for almost 20 years, raising two children, with our youngest graduating from Roosevelt HS this spring. Additionally my 89 year old mother lives by Cathedral Park, where she requires many visits a week from me and my sister (my sister doesn't live in St. Johns) to help her stay independent. When the big earthquake happens, it is clear that all roads in and out of St. Johns will be inaccessible, and that we will be on our own with no outside help. We'll have to scramble for food, medical care, etc, and my sister will not be able to help our elder mother. Given how much damage will happen all over Portland, it is unlikely St. Johns will be prioritized, and even if it was, creating a temporary bridge will take a very long time to build. Though all of Portland will be it hard, only St. Johns will be separated from emergency services and help.

This bill is just a first step in solving this structural problem and saving lives. I urge you to support it.