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Chairs Gorsek and McClain and Members of the Committee: HB 2749 is a critical issue that needs action and funding now. I have friends who live in St. Johns who are terrified about being trapped by an earthquake, with no exit available from the North Peninsula. They are working hard to bring attention to the facts: Current bridges and the tunnel under Columbia Park are outdated and will surely collapse in an earthquake (see PBOT report). The soil will liquify, leaving 30-40,000 people to perish. The conflagration and ensuing toxic emissions from the CEI tanks are another factor contributing to the need for immediate action.

The community has developed a sound plan that can be implemented within the next few years, but legislation is needed to move planning forward. Please advance HB 2749 for passing. Thank you for the hearing and for heeding this warning with serious intent to advance what may be the only solution to an otherwise humanitarian disaster in our state.