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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2749

Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Committee,

I'm writing in strong support of HB 2749 because this bill addresses a longstanding and very real public safety threat in our community. I live in St. Johns, and like many of my neighbors, I'm deeply concerned about what happens when, not if, the "Big One" hits. Right now, our options for evacuation are severely limited, and nearly every route out of our neighborhood depends on infrastructure that's likely to fail in a major earthquake.

HB 2749 is not a luxury. It's a necessary step toward protecting lives. The funding it provides will finally allow us to complete the design work needed to pursue federal and state grants for building a new, seismically-resilient bridge over the rail cut on Columbia Blvd. This bridge is the lifeline we'll need in a disaster, and the time to act is now, before the next emergency makes it obvious how unprepared we are.

Please vote yes on HB 2749.

Sincerely,

Richard Contreras  
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