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On Behalf Of:

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I urge you to support this bill's provision for rebuilding a bridge that will allow an emergency exit for residents of the St Johns neighborhood and North Portland when we have a catastrophic earthquake. Like everyone, they will need outside assistance to be able to get in, but uniquely, they will need to flee the likely chemical disaster that will happen next to them from the fuel and other chemical storage in the industrial areas adjacent to their neighborhoods. I have friends in that neighborhood, and they deserve priority over other local transportation projects, that are not potentially life-saving to thousands of people in the next few years.

Thank you for addressing this urgent concern.