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I've only been living in Portland for two and a half years, and I absolutely love it. My fiancé and I chose St. Johns for our first apartment because we were drawn to its quaint, small-town charm. We've met incredible neighbors, both on our street and through the St. Johns Neighborhood Association.

Originally from California, I've long understood the serious threat earthquakes pose and how overdue we are for "The Big One." What I didn't realize until recently is just how vulnerable our quiet, tight-knit neighborhood is in the event of a major quake.

We're hoping to buy a home soon, but I'm hesitant to invest in St. Johns, knowing that in a natural disaster, we could lose access to emergency services, food and help simply because our bridges may be unsafe.

Please consider funding this bill to ensure neighborhoods like ours aren't cut off or forgotten in a crisis. We understand downtown will require attention, but that doesn't mean St. Johns should be left stranded.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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