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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

I am writing to urge you to include the necessary funding in HB2025 that would allow the City of Portland to embark on the design of a new bridge that would meet standards likely to guarantee that the 20,000+ citizens residing in the area known as the "North Portland Peninsula" have at least one transportation route available following the likely occurrence of a major seismic event. As it stands now, the population of North Portland would be isolated from the rest of the city and state with no ingress or egress for emergency vehicles or medical support following such a disaster. This is a particularly urgent situation since the area of North Portland stores more than 90% of all the liquid fuel in Oregon on unstable soil subject to liquefaction at facilities in the CEI Hub, The accidental release of these fuels would likely result in fire and toxic fumes further endangering a population that will be essentially trapped.

Please ask yourself how many other transportation projects sitting before you have the capacity to save thousands of lives?