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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Transportation

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1543

Hon. Members of Transportation Committee:

I ask you to support SB 1543 but not for the reasons often given. The problem with over reliance on debt for mega projects and short changing maintenance is not an ODOT caused problem. It is a Legislature and governor caused problem. Never the less, kicking debt management up to the OTC level and by inference back to the governor and legislature should force the management (you) to face facts and not order ODOT to deliver more than you are willing to pay for. My outfit before I retired (Marion County PW) always had the money in the bank or the grant money committed before we bid a project, and preferrably before we designed it. TRY IT!