

February 18, 2013

Joint Committee on I-5 Bridge Replacement Project
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE, Room 453
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Committee Members,

The Boeing Company is a strong supporter of legislation enabling the construction of a new I-5 bridge over the Columbia River, and urges your vote to move the legislation forward.

As the nation's largest exporter by value, the movement of goods, parts and materials is critical to our operations. We view transportation networks as an extension of our production system.

In the state of Oregon, we employ more than 2,000 people and have relationships with more than 300 suppliers. We spend more than \$250 million dollars with suppliers and vendors in the state and create 8,000 direct and indirect jobs.

In addition, we contribute more than \$1.1 million to local nonprofit organizations in the Portland-Vancouver metro region, as well as in the Columbia Gorge area where our Insitu operations are located. We are proud to be part of Oregon's community.

The new bridge offers many benefits: it will facilitate freight movement, improve our economy, reduce costly congestion, address seismic problems, create jobs, and make transportation safer for all citizens, many of whom are our employees and their families. In addition, it is a critical link on the major trade route between Canada and Mexico.

We encourage you to pass the necessary enabling legislation before you, HB 2800. Many issues remain to be addressed as the permitting process moves forward. The availability of federal funds, the permitting and engineering work accomplished to date, and the need for both states to formally commit to this major undertaking, make the passage of this legislation of primary importance.

The Boeing Company has a long history of working to advance the economy and quality of life in the Pacific Northwest. We believe this project will help continue that progress and we ask for your support.

Sincerely,



Perry Moore
General Manger, Boeing Portland

