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[Mr. Brennan: if I am unable to make it to the CRC Joint Committee's hearing tomorrow, please enter this written testimony into the record.]

To my legislators, Sen. Shields and Rep. Frederick: I favor the Common Sense Alternative over the current CRC design, and stand with those who refuse to forget the actions of our regional leaders in 1974 when the Mt. Hood Freeway, as far along in ints planning as the CRC is now, was stopped and the money used for light rail and a hundred other transportation projects in the region. If building the CRC is at this point the ONLY way to get the available federal money ... then the legislature must nevertheless stop and consider the physical benefits of the CSA and push as hard as possible to divert funds and effort. However, if there should be in leaders' minds some way to approve the CRC, get the federal funds committed, then change the project to build the CSA instead ... this would be nothing less than a brilliant manipulation of the political strings worthy of the 1974 leaders who in essence did the same thing in diverting Interstate money to the MAX. Thanks for the chance to comment, and good luck. - Sam Lowry, Portland, 971-221-4716.