

Dear Representative Garrett,

First off, thank you for being a dedicated, public-spirited representative. I was proud to vote for you in the most recent election.

I am writing to briefly register my opposition to the proposed Columbia River Crossing project. There are many reasons to oppose this project - the \$450 million that have many better uses, the potential environmental impact on Portland's most vulnerable residents, and the design flaws we've thus far encountered, to name a few.

I would like to focus my opposition on the thing I find most distasteful, and that is the fixed game Oregon appears to be playing. Instead of representing the interests of area residents, who overwhelmingly oppose this project, it appears that the fix may be in in the state legislature to benefit developers (especially in Clark County), industrialists, and single-occupancy car commuters (to a point - what will we do about the already-bottlenecked Rose Quarter when it receives all this supposed extra traffic?).

Additionally, Washington state's legislature appears to be harder to buy and has put up a few roadblocks, which is a somewhat disappointing reflection on our otherwise more-than-adequate state.

If you oppose the initiative system - as you and I both do - then it becomes all the more incumbent upon our legislators to act based on facts and the public interest. I urge you to take a stand and do that in this instance.

Thank you,

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