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I am unable to attend due to my work schedule, but would like my comments added to the record.

The CRC does not vibe with my values, nor the values of Portland. The CRC would be another austerity measure stripping much needed tax dollars from students, poor, disabled, and deteriorating middle class to build a bridge that doesn't help the people living in Portland. The bridges only purpose is to allow people to move out of Portland, stop paying taxes, create more urban sprawl, and still commute to Portland - leaving us their traffic and emissions and little more. We can be more creative with job creation, especially if we use that same money towards something else like education or renewable energy. The CRC does not create livable streets. By increasing the size of the bridge it would increase the size of the wall separating and polluting our already marginalized population. Additionally, do you really think that people will pay the toll? It's a poor excuse for a poor idea. Not in my name.

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