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To: Sen Beyer; Sen Starr B; Rep Bentz; Rep Read; Sen Edwards C; Sen Girod; Sen Monroe; Sen Thomsen; Rep Cameron; Rep Davis; Rep Doherty; Rep Gorsek; Rep Lively; Rep McKeown; Rep Nathanson; Rep Parrish

Cc: Brennan Patrick H

Subject: Timely/Critical Update on CRC

Co-Chairs and members of the Joint Committee on Interstate-5 Bridge Replacement Project:

I'm writing on behalf of the Coalition for a Livable Future and the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods for two reasons:

- 1) To provide you with some very recent information regarding the status of the CRC in the Washington State Legislature; and
- 2) To ask that you not advance to a vote on the measure following this Monday's Public Hearing.

Below are three links as well as an attached letter from WA State Sen. Curtis King that collectively paint a pretty stark picture of the status of this issue in WA. At this point in time, not only is the issue completely gridlocked up there, but broad disagreement remains over important project details.

<http://timsheldon.majoritycoalitioncaucus.org/sheldondenouncestaxes>

<http://www.columbian.com/news/2013/feb/17/crc-needs-a-change-of-direction>

<http://www.columbian.com/news/2013/feb/16/flurry-of-bills-may-influence-crc-plans>

It seems highly unlikely that Washington will pass funding for CRC this session, making it unnecessary for Oregon to pass HB 2800 right now, particularly without adequate time to address so many unresolved issues. It also seems difficult to believe that the Federal Government will be willing to make significant financial commitments to a two-state project when the states aren't even on the same page and one of the states' leaders remains largely directionless.

Additionally, CLF and NECN are disappointed with the expedited pace at which the Oregon Legislature is pursuing such a complex, expensive, and impactful project.

Many amendments have been drafted and circulated. We're already up to (at least) the -14s prior to any work sessions being held. Many amendment requests by legislators of both parties on a variety of important issues remain either freshly drafted and un-scrutinized, or are still in the drafting process.

These amendments deserve a thorough debate in the public forum - the kind of debate that can only be achieved as a result of an in-session committee process that allows for adequate time to review

amendments. Without a subsequent referral, as you all know, this bill will head straight to the chamber floors without any additional opportunity for deliberation or amendment.

While we understand that you may not ultimately address all of the concerns shared by CLF and NECN, at the very least your committee process should be robust enough so that they have a proper chance to be articulated and considered.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important issue, and please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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