

Good Morning Senator Shields and Representative Frederick-

I'm writing as your constituent to urge you to oppose funding for the Columbia River Crossing, I5 corridor improvements and/or whatever the project's supporters are calling it today.

The proposed North Portland mitigation fund seems like a cynical ploy to buy support for the project. Not spending hundreds of millions of dollars to move the choke point on I5 to my neighborhood, Boise, would be a better way to protect families from the adverse health consequences associated with breathing fumes from vehicles stuck in traffic. There is a scientific and common sense consensus about the adverse consequences of poor air quality on human and environmental health.

I understand that very powerful interests are pushing hard to gain approval for this project. It may make political sense to support funding for a project that seems unlikely to be built, but that feels like a risky strategy.

I admire, respect and appreciate your service! Please let me know if I can ever help in any way.

Thank you,

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