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Governor Jay Inslee
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To Governor Inslee:

On behalf of myself, as part of the Group from the Chamber of Commerce of Vancouver and representing the High Tech Council and SEH America, I want to thank you for taking the time to meet with us and discussing the importance of the CRC. We appreciate the support that you have given to this project, and recognize that without the State Senate agreeing to vote on this issue, that the State of Washington could not move ahead on this project the way you wanted. We also appreciated the support that you are giving and agree to give to the State of Oregon to make sure this project moves ahead with the Oregon Initiative proposed by Governor Kitzhaber. Your commitment to do everything you can to assist Governor Kitzhaber in any way you could on his CRC initiative was very assuring to all of us. We are committed to contacting the Oregon legislature and Governor Kitzhaber to assure him and the legislature of our support.

Sincerely,



Robert Schaefer, Director of SEH America,
member of the High Tech Council and a
member of the Chamber of Commerce

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The Columbian
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Vancouver, WA 98666

February 10, 2014

To the Editor:

As one of many citizens who put in hundreds of hours on I-5 Columbia River Crossing advisory committees working to compromise on a bridge between our two states, I'm disgusted and disappointed at the outcome. Unless Oregon agrees to build it alone and carry most of the burden, or legislators in Washington come to their senses soon, our bridge is lost.

Don't forget that the CRC design was a compromise, developed and reviewed over several years through an extensive public process involving citizens of both states.

Most troubling has been the arrogance and stupidity of a few local elected officials who maneuvered to make the bridge a partisan issue, causing its funding to fail in the Washington State Legislature (although the House approved it.)

We need now to support Oregon's effort to build the bridge on its own by contacting the governors and local legislators in both states. For if we fail now, we face gridlock and 20 to 25 years of economic devastation.

Sincerely,

Ed Lynch



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Dear Dear Governors and State Legislators from the States of Oregon and Washington,

The purpose of this letter is to demonstrate the Clark County High Technology & Community Council's (HTC) unity with other SW Washington businesses for proceeding with the CRC project now, and to sound the alarm at the consequences of not acting to save it.

While the Washington House approved the funding measure, the Senate Transportation Committee failed to provide necessary money for the project which is vital to the economic success of not only Southwest Washington, but to the long-term economic survival of the entire Pacific Northwest.

Now, we await Oregon's effort to construct this bridge on its own. If it fails, we face the expensive prospect of another decade-long design, permitting and planning process, likely without federal assistance; all the while keeping our fingers crossed that the current I-5 bridge doesn't succumb to a seismic event, or even a Skagit River Bridge occurrence disrupting the commerce of the Pacific Northwest.

Washington and Oregon high tech industries rely on a solid transportation system to serve their needs and that means replacing the aging, near century-old lift structure with a newly designed crossing as soon as reasonably possible.

The HTC supports Oregon in their effort to "go it alone" and at the same time we will continue to urge Washington legislators to re-address their efforts to fund this bridge.

To this end the HTC strongly encourages you to continue exploring all options to get this I-5 bridge built.

Sincerely,

Robert Bernardi, Chair
Clark County High Technology & Community Council

cc:



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January 28, 2014

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Dear Governors Kitzhaber and Inslee,

Thank you for your continued leadership on efforts to replace the I-5 Columbia River Bridge. As the main north-south gateway to both Oregon and Washington and the main transportation route serving industries in both states, it is vital that we be able to move ahead with this project now.

Senator Patty Murray has been able to maintain federal mass transit funding that will not remain in place if we don't act within the next few months. The pressure from other states that have their own critical infrastructure needs may make it impossible to maintain those dollars. We support your leadership in moving this project ahead, and we believe that it is critical to the economy of the area that this project be built now.

Washington and Oregon high tech industries rely on a solid transportation system to serve their needs and that means replacing the aging, near century-old lift structure with a newly designed crossing as soon as reasonably possible. To do so will mean developing a strong intergovernmental agreement to secure and make use of both states' resources. This effort will have our strong support.

The Clark County High Technology & Community Council (HTC) shares a commitment with you to ensuring a reliable and efficient transportation system vital to both states' economic health and competitiveness.

To this end the HTC strongly encourages you to continue exploring all options to get this I-5 bridge built.

Sincerely,

Robert Bernardi, Chair
Clark County High Technology & Community Council

cc: Schuyler Hoss, SW Washington Representative for Governor Inslee