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## **Washington State Senate**

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October 16, 2013

The Honorable John Kitzhaber 160 State Capitol Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Governor Kitzhaber,

As elected officials representing Washington State, we write to thank you and your legislative leadership team for your continued support for building the replacement I-5 bridge over the Columbia River.

As you know, the antiquated drawbridge that currently spans the Columbia River is unsafe and unreliable and does not meet the needs of our freight community or commuters.

We feel strongly we cannot afford to walk away from the thousands of hours of public involvement and community leadership over the last decade. Nor should we walk away from the \$175 million in taxpayer dollars already invested in the project without exhausting every option.

The option you and your legislative leadership are considering, which takes into account current fiscal realities and the years of technical work, permits and financial investments, could get the bridge and light rail built on budget and on schedule.

We share your commitment to replacing the old, seismically vulnerable and unsafe I-5 bridge that connects our two states. We stand ready to partner with you and your legislators to move forward on a project so critical to our state and our region's movement of goods and people, our economy, and public safety.

Sincerely,

Annette Cleveland, Washington State Senator

49th Legislative District

P.S. Please see attached pages for signatures of support of fellow Members of the Washington State Legislature.

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