

## Comments to Oregon House Transportation Committee

Good Morning Chair Read,  
Committee Members

My name is Paul Montague

I am President of Identity Clark County, a privately funded, economic development non-profit, that for the past 20 years has partnered with the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and the Columbia River Economic Development Council in advocating for projects in Southwest Washington that will promote economic growth and quality of living in Vancouver and Clark County.

I am here today to tell you that there is still strong support for the Columbia River Crossing in Washington and to urge your passage of House Bill 4113, and support an Oregon led project to replace the aging and decrepit Interstate 5 bridges across the Columbia River.

For the past few months, I have heard stories of SW Washington elected officials meeting with members of the Oregon Legislature and telling members of your body that there is no support for the Columbia River Crossing in Southwest Washington and the Washington Legislature.

I am here today to state that such statements couldn't be further from the truth and they are being driven by nothing more than partisan politics driven by a vocal minority in the Washington State Senate.

Throughout the informal process of developing this project since 1998 and the formal EIS process since 2005, support for this project have been consistent and solid. The selection of a locally preferred alternative and the approval of the Environmental Impact Statements had to include the approvals of a number of key elected bodies on both sides of the river, but most notably in Southwest Washington are past and current Mayors and City Councils of the City of Vancouver, C-TRAN, the Southwest Washington transit agency, and the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council, which is the governing Metropolitan Planning Agency for Southwest Washington, all signed off on the LPA in 2008, and last fall, C-TRAN gave majority approval to a maintenance and operations agreement with Tri-Met to support Light rail.

I also am leaving you with a packet of information with a listing over 300 elected officials, businesses in retail, transportation, high technology, professional and service sectors, business groups, public agencies, labor groups, ports and individuals who have endorsed this project, a support letter from the business leadership of Southwest Washington to Governor Inslee, and copies of the letter from State Senator Annette Cleveland to Governor Kitzhaber referenced by Senator Cleveland earlier.

I would close by simply stating that there is strong support for this project in Washington State and urging your support for a replacement to the current Interstate 5 bridges.

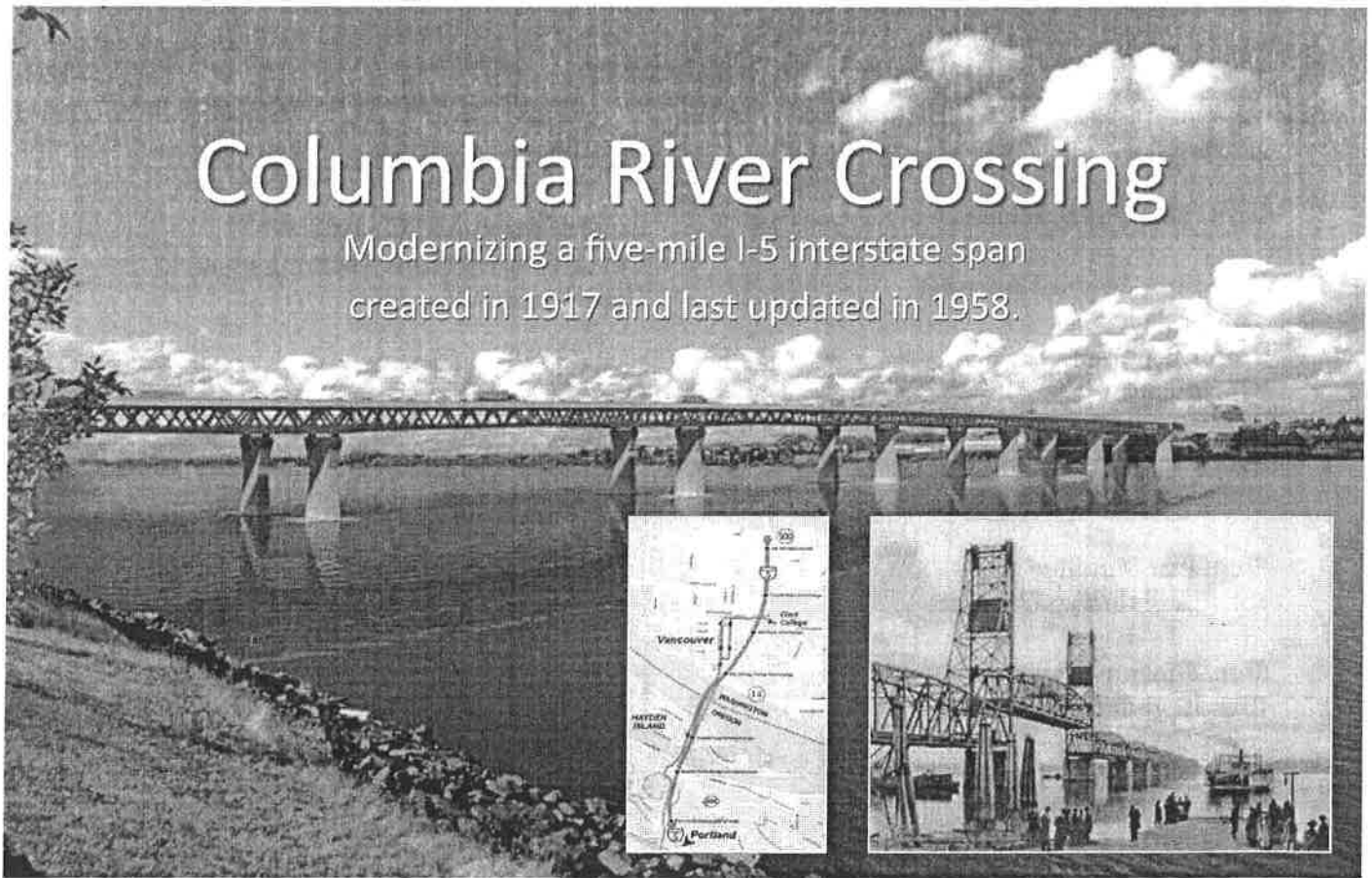
Thank You

Paul Montague  
Identity Clark County



# Columbia River Crossing

Modernizing a five-mile I-5 interstate span  
created in 1917 and last updated in 1958.



Proudly supporting the mobility, accessibility, prosperity and safety made possible through this project.

**Columbia River Crossing I-5 Bridge Replacement Project**  
**Endorsed by:**

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**Elected Leaders**

U.S. Sen. Patty Murray

U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell

Commissioner Steve Stuart  
Clark County

Sen. Annette Cleveland  
49th Legislative District

Rep. Jim Moeller  
49th Legislative District

Rep. Sharon Wylie  
49th Legislative District

Mayor Timothy Leavitt  
City of Vancouver

Mayor Ron Onslow  
City of Ridgefield

Council Member Larry Smith  
City of Vancouver

Council Member Jack Burkman  
City of Vancouver

Council Member Jeanne Harris  
City of Vancouver

Frm. Mayor Royce Pollard  
City of Vancouver

**High Tech Council**

Robert Bernardi, Chair  
Clark County High Technology &  
Community Council

Larry Meixner Ph.D.  
Sharp Labs of Americas

Robert M. Schaefer  
Shin Etsu-S.E.H. America

John Marck  
Sharp Microelectronics of the Americas

Patrick Cotter  
Kyocera Industrial Ceramics

Scott Keeney  
nLIGHT Corporation

Jim Short  
WaferTech

Jeff Parker  
Linear Technology Corp

**Businesses**

Adco Printing

Airgas

Albina Fuel Company

Amplify Group

Barrett Business Services

Boeing

Columbia Bank

Ed Lynch Co.

Evergreen Memorial Gardens

Firestone Inv. Family LP

Fred Meyer

Frito-Lay, Inc.

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**Businesses (continued)**

Helser Brothers  
Hilton, Vancouver  
KIC Holding, Incorporated  
Killian Pacific, LLC  
Prestige Development  
RJB Wholesale  
RK Storage  
Sego Herb Farm  
Smokey's Pizza  
Subaru of America  
Sunlight Supply  
Threshold, Inc.  
Wellons, Incorporated  
Wesco Distributing  
Wellons, Incorporated

**Construction/Engineering**

Construction Materials Exchange  
Conwood Construction, Inc.  
Howard S. Wright  
Mackay & Sposito  
Roadlink  
Robertson and Olson Construction  
Tapani  
Tetra Pack, Inc.  
Vancouver CFS

**Health Care**

Community Home Health &  
Hospice  
Kaiser Permanente  
Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital  
Providence Health & Services

**Labor**

Columbia Pacific Building & Construction  
Trades Council  
IBEW Local 48  
IASTE Local 488  
Ironworkers Shopmen's Local 516  
Joint Council of Teamsters  
LIUNA Local 296  
LIUNA Local 335  
Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters  
SW Washington Central Labor Council  
Washington State Building &  
Construction Trades Council

**Manufacturing**

Alliance Steel  
Bergstrom Nutrition  
Burgener's Woodworking, Inc.  
Cadet Manufacturing  
Cemex  
Columbia Machine, Inc.  
Columbia Metal Works  
Columbia Vista Corporation  
Farwest Steel  
Hydraulics, Incorporated  
Manufacturers Supply  
Metro Metals NW  
Northwest Packing Company  
PAC Paper, Incorporated  
Pacific Die Casting  
Plastics Northwest  
Trimac Panel Products

**Organizations**

AAA Washington  
Associated General Contractors -  
Oregon Columbia River  
Clark County Association of Realtors

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### Organizations (continued)

Columbia River Economic Development Council **Real Estate**

Columbia River Towboat Owners Association  
Cowlitz County Economic Development  
Council

Eric Fuller & Associates, Inc.  
NAI Norris, Beggs & Simpson  
Windermere/Stellar Group

Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce  
Identity Clark County

Pacific Northwest Waterways Association  
Southwest Washington Convention  
& Visitors Bureau

Vancouver Downtown Association  
West Vancouver Freight Alliance

### Transportation

Area Transport  
Atlantic Pacific Freightways  
Auto Warehouse Corporation  
Bear Transportation  
Boise Cascade Building Distribution  
Denis Gray Trucking

### Other

Arlo G. Lott  
Brandeen  
Clark College  
NALCO

DIS-Tran  
Food Express, Incorporated  
Green Transfer  
Haney Truck Lines  
Harvest Transport  
Independent Dispatch, Incorporated  
Interstate Wood  
J & J Trucking  
JR's Freight Service  
Key Trucking  
Knight Transport  
LaFarge North America  
Lile International  
MG Transport  
National Transfer  
OnTheGo Platforms, Inc.  
Peninsula Truck Lines  
Puget Sound Trucklines  
Realvest Corporation  
Sound Delivery Services, Incorporated  
Swift Courier  
System Transport  
Taylor Transport  
Tri-Star Transload PNW, Incorporated  
United Road Service

### Ports

Port of Camas-Washougal  
Port of Kalama  
Port of Longview  
Port of Vancouver  
Port of Woodland

### Professional

BergerABAM  
Horenstein Law Firm  
Miller Nash, LLP  
Mitchell Brothers  
Montague Resources  
OTAK  
Pacific Energy  
Parsons Brinckerhoff  
Rexius  
Riverview Community Bank  
Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt

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**Transportation (continued)**

Vancouver Warehouse & Distribution  
Washington Trucking, Incorporated  
Wilhelm Trucking and Rigging Company

**Individuals**

Jack Alstadt  
George Apostolou  
Jeff Arntson  
Ron Arp  
Winston Asai  
Jonathan Avery  
Edward Barnes  
Twyla Barnes  
Stephen L. Barnett  
Gail Bauhs  
Dave Bennett  
Jeanne Bennett  
Kim Bennett  
Rob Bernhardt  
LeAnne M. Bremer, P.C.  
Mike Briggs  
Mark O. Brown  
Jack Burkman  
Bob Byrd  
J. Scott Campbell  
Jody Campbell  
Kelley Campbell  
Scott Campbell  
Kim Capeloto  
Lisa Capeloto  
Brad Carlson  
Cindy Carnahan  
Mike Carnahan  
Bob Carroll  
Marjorie Casswell  
Alex Caton  
John Caton  
Linda Caton  
Jacquelin Chambers

Tim L. Chambers  
Paul Christensen  
Karen Ciocia  
Todd Coleman  
Lee Colthard  
Bill Connelly  
Anne Cruser  
Bruce Davidson  
Clif Davis  
Kathy Davis  
John Deeder  
David diCesare  
Dona C. Dingethal  
Robert E. Dingethal  
Robert M. Dingethal  
Samuel W. Dingethal  
Harris Dusenbery  
Mark Feichtinger  
Gerald Flaskerud  
Linda Frischmeyer  
Joey Fuerstenberg  
Eric Fuller  
K.C. Fuller  
Tamara Fuller  
Bryan Goode  
Rick Goode  
Bryan Goodman  
Joe Greulich  
Walt Griffith  
David Groth  
Jodi Guetzloe Parker  
Phillip J. Haberthur  
Jeff Harvey  
Kim Hash  
Roy Heikkala  
Nelson Holmberg  
Scott Horenstein  
Steve Horenstein  
David Horowitz  
Linda Horowitz  
Dena Horton  
Noland Hoshino  
Rhona Sen Hoss  
Schuyler Hoss

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## Endorsed by:

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### Individuals (continued)

Gayle Hutton  
Addison Jacobs  
Jane Jacobsen  
Patricia Jollota  
Carolyn Kampsula  
Elie Kassab  
Ron Kawamoto  
Walt Keeney  
Carol Keljo  
George Killian  
Lance Killian  
Bob Knight  
Tim Kraft  
Dianna Kretzschmar  
Paul Lambshead  
Brigette Lamont  
Mike Leboki  
Temple Lentz  
Lisa Lowe  
Ed Lynch  
Marsha Manning  
John McDonagh  
Ginger Metcalf  
Mary Meyers  
Roger Michaelis  
Scott Milam  
Arch Miller  
Paul Montague  
Debbie Nelson  
Tami Nesburg  
Lisa Nisenfeld  
Dan Ogden  
Val Ogden  
Jan Oliva  
Steve Oliva  
Matt Olson  
Ron Onslow  
David Page  
Jodi Guetzloe Parker  
Kelly Parker  
Laurie Parsons  
Roger Parsons

Sue Pauley  
Larry Paulson  
Paula Person  
Bill Peterson  
Bart Phillips  
Diana Piel  
Ed Piel  
Roger Qualman  
Dellan Redjou  
Patty Reyes  
Pam Richman  
Dave L. Ritchey  
Thayer Rorabaugh  
Tonya Rulli  
Don Russo  
Kate Sacamano  
Eric Sawyer  
Robert Schaefer  
Tim Schauer  
Kathleen Sego  
Roger Sego  
Pat Shaeffer  
Jacki Skaught  
David C. Smith  
Joan Snyder  
Ted Sprague  
Elson Strahan  
Shannon Stull  
Leigh Tapani  
Carol G. Terrell  
Chandler Wade  
Shannon Walker  
Scot Walstra  
Eric Walters  
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Brian Wolfe  
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Kelvin Wong  
John Worstell





COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING COALITION

March 22, 2013

The Honorable Jay Inslee, Governor  
State of Washington  
P.O. Box 40929  
Olympia, WA 98504-0929

Dear Governor Inslee:

On behalf of hundreds of businesses, community and elected leaders, and individuals we submit this letter and following information to demonstrate our strong and unequivocal support for the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project.

We recognize that with a project of such unprecedented magnitude and complexity, it would be impossible to make 100% of people happy. Business, community and governmental leaders in the area also recognize the future of our region and its ability to compete in our state, nation, and world economies, is directly related to having a first class infrastructure system. Should the CRC project fail to move forward, congestion on the I-5 Bridge and its approaches is expected to increase from four-six hours each day, to as many as 15 hours each day. The resulting impact to our regional and national economy cannot be overstated. This will limit access to workforce and marketplace opportunities and will negatively impact our regional quality of life.

We believe the benefits of the CRC, as laid out in the Locally Preferred Alternative, could not be clearer. This project is crucial to our region's and state's future economic prosperity. The CRC will provide 1,900 jobs per year through design and construction. By 2030, it will create 4,200 regional and state jobs and add \$231 million in additional wages.

The return on our investment speaks for itself: **\$450 million from Washington will be leveraged in order to build a \$3.1-\$3.5 billion infrastructure project, which will in turn generate a regional economic benefit of \$5-8 billion.** With \$70 billion in freight projected to transit this project annually by 2030, and 40% of Washington jobs trade reliant, further studies or designs are not a practical option.

In addition to economic impact, the I-5 Bridge does not meet current safety and seismic standards. Not only does it lack safety shoulders, its pilings are in sandy soils. When we experience the next big earthquake the wood pilings currently holding up the bridge piers could fail.

After more than a decade of work, 7,521 public comments, 1,276 public and citizen advisory committee meetings and 32,070 public contacts to reach the Record of Decision, *the time to move forward and identify Washington's share of funding is now.* Thank you for your support and leadership on this very important project.

Sincerely,

Mayor Timothy D. Leavitt  
City of Vancouver

Commissioner Steve Stuart  
Clark County

Council Member Jack Burkman  
City of Vancouver

Royce Pollard  
Former Mayor, City of Vancouver

Council Member Larry Smith  
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City of Ridgefield

Ted Sprague, President  
Cowlitz County Economic Development  
Council

Former State Senator, Craig Pridemore

Jodi Guetzloe Parker, Exec. Sect'y  
Treasurer  
Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council

Lisa Lowe, Attorney  
Schabe, Williamson & Wyatt

Jonathan Avery, Chief Admin. Officer  
Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center

Scot Walstra  
Citizen

Joey Fuerstenberg, CM  
Certified Memorialist  
Vancouver Granite Works, Inc.

John D. White, Vice President  
BergerABAM



Kim J. Capeloto, Executive Vice President  
Riverview Community Bank



David Groth, Principal  
Appraisal & Consulting Group, LLC



Lance Killian  
Killian Pacific



Arch Miller  
President & CEO  
International Air Academy, Inc.



Tim Kraft, PE, Principle  
OTAK, Inc.



Bryan Goodman  
V.P. of Operations/Pres. of Manufacturing  
Columbia Machine



Jane Jacobsen, Executive Director  
Confluence Project



David Bennett, Chief Executive Officer  
Rebound Orthopedics & Neurosurgery



Leigh Tapani, President  
Tapani Inc.



Paul Montague, President  
Identity Clark County



Tim Shauer, President  
MacKay & Spositio



Kelly Parker, President/CEO  
Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce



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Horenstein Law Group

Gerald Flaskerud, PMB  
Coldwell Banker Bain, Cowlitz County

Rhona Sen Hoss  
Citizen

Don Russo, Attorney  
Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt

Paul Christensen, Chairman of the Board  
Realvest Corporation

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Ed Lynch Company

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Secretary Treasurer  
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Lisa Nisenfeld, President  
Columbia River Economic Development  
Council

Shannon Stull, President  
LIUNA Local #335



Business Manger  
LIUNA! Local 296



Betsy Henning, Founder  
AHA!



Tami Nesburg, Sr. VP  
Regents Bank



Tonya Rulli  
Tonya Rulli Law Firm



Noland Hoshino, Co-Founder  
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Bart Phillips  
Citizen



Bob Carroll

IBEW Local 48



Charles Carlsen, Business Agent  
IATSE Local 488



Larry Paulson, Former Executive Director  
Port of Vancouver, USA



Linda Horowitz  
Citizen



J. Scott Campbell,  
Governmental and Community Affairs  
Manager  
Waste Connections, Inc.



Aden J. "AJ Blair", FS-T-BM  
Ironworkers Shopmen's Local 516




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Citizen



Robert Schaefer, Attorney



Kelvin Wong  
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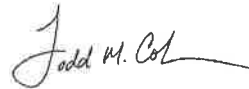
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Carolyn Kampsula  
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Shannon Walker, President  
SW Washington Labor Council  
Vice President Washington State Labor  
Council District 3



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Thresholds, Inc.



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Citizen



Jody Campbell  
Director/Family Owner  
The Columbian



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## Washington State Senate

**Senator Annette Cleveland**  
49th Legislative District

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Toll-Free: 1-800-562-6000  
Vancouver Message Line:  
(360) 571-2732

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Annette Cleveland".

Annette Cleveland, Washington State Senator  
49<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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

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Representative Jim Moeller  
49<sup>th</sup> Legislative District



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Representative Sharon Wylie  
49<sup>th</sup> Legislative District



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Representative Judy Clibborn  
Chair, House of Representatives Transportation  
Committee ~ 41<sup>st</sup> Legislative District



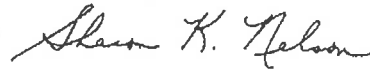
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Senator Tracey Eide, Co-Chair,  
Senate Transportation Committee  
30<sup>th</sup> Legislative District



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Representative Kevin Van De Wege  
24<sup>th</sup> Legislative District



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Senator Sharon Nelson  
34<sup>th</sup> Legislative District



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Senator Karen Keiser  
33<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District



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Representative John McCoy  
38<sup>th</sup> Legislative District



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Representative Laurie Jinkins  
27<sup>th</sup> Legislative District



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Representative Gerry Pollet  
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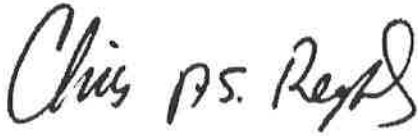
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Senator Nick Harper  
38<sup>th</sup> Legislative District



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Representative Sam Hunt  
22<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District



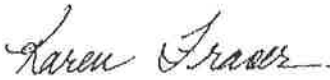
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Representative Chris Reykdal  
22<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District




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Senator Ed Murray, Democratic  
Leader – 43<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District



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Senator Karen Fraser  
22<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District



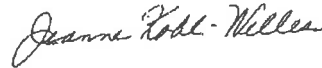
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Senator Christine Rolfes  
23<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District



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Senator Maralyn Chase  
32<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District



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Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles  
36<sup>th</sup> Legislative District



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Representative Ruth Kagi  
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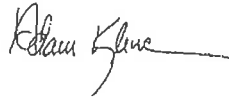
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Senator Nathan Schlicher  
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Senator David Frock  
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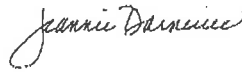
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Senator Adam Kline  
37<sup>th</sup> Legislative District



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Senator Paul Shin  
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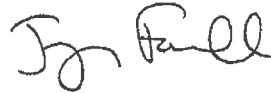
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Senator Jeannie Darneille  
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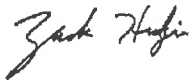
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Senator Kevin Ranker  
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Representative Jessyn Farrell  
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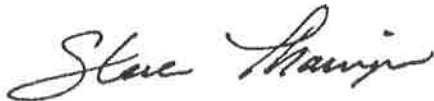
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Representative Zack Hudgins  
11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District



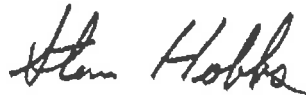
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Senator Bob Hasegawa  
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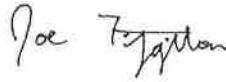
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44<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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Representative Jamie Pedersen  
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Representative Joe Fitzgibbon  
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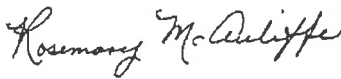
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Representative Steve Bergquist  
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Representative Eileen Cody  
34<sup>th</sup> Legislative District



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Senator Rosemary McAuliffe  
1<sup>st</sup> Legislative District



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Senator Mark Mullet  
5<sup>th</sup> Legislative District



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36<sup>th</sup> Legislative District



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Representative David Sawyer  
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Representative Larry Springer  
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Representative Cindy Ryu  
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Representative Jake Fey  
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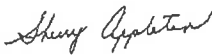
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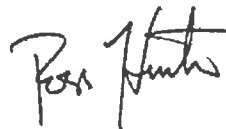
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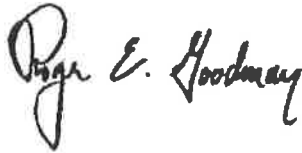
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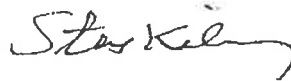


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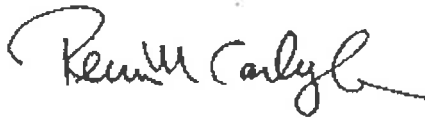
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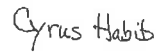
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41<sup>st</sup> Legislative District

March 19, 2013

Governor Jay Inslee  
Office of the Governor  
PO Box 40002  
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

**Re: Support the Columbia River Crossing**

Dear Governor Inslee:

Thank you for your work on the Columbia River Crossing. Kaiser Permanente supports the replacement, and asks that you stay the course to help us build a new bridge to strengthen our economy, and to improve health and safety in our community.

As an integrated health system with 480,000 members in Oregon and Southwest Washington, Kaiser Permanente serves more than 120,000 Washington residents. Our care network, including clinics and hospitals, spans both sides of the river.

The current bridge presents health and safety issues for our members and staff. A new bridge will address those issues – and with the addition of light rail and walking and biking paths, will create a more livable, healthy and sustainable community.

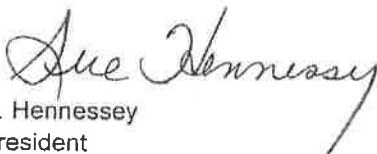
We, like you, want to build a strong local economy. A new bridge will help create jobs not only during construction but in future years. We're proud that our excellent transportation network allows businesses to use air, river, rail and roads to move their workers and ship their goods. The current bridge – with its wood pilings, narrow lanes, limited visibility, and draw bridge – is our weakest link and threatens our capacity to grow.

We understand this is an investment in our long-term future. Thank you for your diligence in making sure our money is spent well. We believe the inclusion of light rail will help offset local construction costs.

Please persevere and help us build a bridge that will serve this community another 100 years. We'll stand with you, and help you work out the issues that challenge this project.

The time for the bridge is now. Federal funding is in our reach. The Oregon Legislature passed legislation to fund its share of the project. Please support funding for this vitally important new I-5 Bridge.

Sincerely,



Sue M. Hennessey  
Vice President  
Strategic Planning & Health Plan Services



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April 16, 2013

Members of the Washington State Senate Transportation Committee  
Members of the Washington State House of Representatives Transportation Committee  
State of Washington  
Olympia, Washington

Dear Members of the Washington State Senate and House Transportation Committees:

As the current and past two Mayors of Vancouver, we wish to share a historic perspective of one element of the long-term planning and economic development for our region. The replacement of the I-5 Bridge with a new 5-mile Columbia River Crossing corridor is an infrastructure project around which our future downtown has been modeled.

The City of Vancouver sits at the hub of rail, water, air and road transportation. This unique combination of transportation opportunities affords us a “tool in our kit” to attract business and jobs that are dependent on a reliable transportation system.

A new I-5 Bridge is critical to how effectively we develop as a community. The *Vancouver City Center Vision Plan* (adopted 2007) is influenced in large part by a new Columbia River Crossing. (“*The Vancouver City Center Vision [VCCV] will foster and guide continued growth of the approximately 130-block City Center area of Vancouver.*”) **This community has been planning for decades on how we develop wisely, effectively and efficiently. Access to an improved I-5 corridor/Columbia River Crossing is an essential component.**

“Guiding Principles” for the VCCV include working with a Citizen Resource Team (CRT) representing local businesses, residents and other interests and calls for support of the Vision through strategic investments in public infrastructure – **especially transportation**. Our ability to attract \$1.3 billion in private investment to redevelop 36 acres of Vancouver’s waterfront will be highly dependent upon an improved I-5 corridor. With the waterfront development in mind, the City of Vancouver has invested \$40 million in the transportation infrastructure of this area to make the project “happen,” (construction is planned to begin next year). The expansion of I-5 and Columbia River Crossing improvements will provide improved access to the city center and this project to serve residents, working and visiting populations in and adjoining the city center. It is anticipated that additional city blocks may become available for further private investment development as a result of the Columbia River Crossing Project.

The Public Transit portion of the VCCV calls for pursuit of high capacity transit to Oregon in conjunction with the I-5 Partnership’s recommendation (precursor to the 39 member I-5 Task Force which adopted an I-5 Columbia River Crossing *Locally Preferred Alternative*). *General recommendations* of the VCCV include: Encourage public partnership to better explore public investments such as transit and the Columbia River Crossing. The issue of inclusion of light rail was confirmed recently via a Clark County-wide poll conducted by Moore Information for *The Columbian* (see April 15, 2013 edition).

The examples cited above directly relate to city center development and redevelopment, but will indirectly impact the economic development and private investment and **tax base** in the entire region.

We appreciate your continued support of the proposed Columbia River Crossing as it affects the City of Vancouver and the region.

Sincerely,

Timothy Leavitt  
Mayor  
City of Vancouver

Royce Pollard  
Former Mayor  
City of Vancouver  
America’s Vancouver

Bruce Hagensen  
Former Mayor  
City of Vancouver