

Dear legislators,

it is clear that the predicted Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake will hit all the people and businesses on the north peninsula of Portland and we know the officially designated "emergency routes" - railroad bridges and a tunnel section at Columbia Blvd and Lombard St - are not adequate to withstand an earthquake and need to be secured. These routes are also key freight corridors for Portland and the region.

I also understand the work needed to secure them will be expensive and need the cooperation of many agencies. But thousands of lives are at stake.

Please, do not allow them to be trapped, cut off from life-saving medical services, cut off from food, as well as from family members. Even though I do not live on the Peninsula, I have many friends there and am as concerned as they are.

Please, don't sacrifice the North Peninsula!

Sincerely,
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