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Co-Chair McLain and Frederick  
Members of the Committee

**Re: Testify in Support of HB 2098 – I-5 Bridge Funding**

Co-Chair McLain and Frederick and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kathryn “Kit” Doeneka and I am an owner of ITS Global Relocation Services in Tigard, Oregon. My family’s small household goods moving business uses the I-5 corridor on a local, intrastate and interstate scale. I urge you to support HB 2098, as the current bridge is not seismically sound, presents safety hazards with narrow lanes, lack of shoulders and is dangerous for active transportation users.

The I-5 corridor is extremely important to Oregon’s economy with nearly 10% of the daily traffic over the bridge being freight. The daily value of this freight is over \$70 million and is expected to double by 2040. According to ATRI, the I-5 Bridge is the #31 top bottleneck in the country, impacting freight movement, adding to the cost of products and the climate cost of congestion.

This bill is an important first step in the process of building a new I-5 bridge, allowing us to access federal funds. While conversations continue about bridge design, it is critical to pass this bill to ensure we don’t lose out on unprecedented availability of federal funds. I ask you and your committee to please support the -2 amendments in HB 2098.

Sincerely,

Kathryn (Kit) Doeneka, President  
ITS Global Relocation Services