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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: HB2098

I support replacing this bridge, but oppose HB 2098 -2, because this legislation as currently written jeopardizes a right-sized Bridge Replacement, right now. I support the -3 Amendment (and the policy recommendations offered by the Just Crossing Alliance) that ensures this replacement bridge project moves forward smoothly with a right-sized design, explicit pro-labor provisions, financial guardrails, and major investments in mass transit.

We can't build our way out of congestion and the climate crisis with wider freeways. We need to think differently with better transit options, better urban design, alternatives to pushing more and more vehicles, i.e. cars and trucks. IOW a smaller, less costly bridge.

Thank you,
Sandy Polishuk, 60 year resident of Oregon