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My name is Ukiah Halloran-Steiner, I'm 18 years old and deeply concerned about the future that my generation is on track to inherit. 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.

My generation deserves a livable future. This project cannot be a freeway expansion and must center mass public transit and active infrastructure.

This project will not be completed until the 2030s, at the earliest. My generation deserves a project that will serve our communities as they grow and adapt and change. It's a big decision that you all are making, and it's important that this bridge is replaced and fully funded, but we need good solid plans that will make sure that this project is fiscally responsible.

You are making the decision as to how Oregonians fund this project. But you are not the Oregonians who will be using it decades into the future. The people using this vital piece of infrastructure will be me, my peers and generations to come. Younger generations are calling on you to make this project one that reduces carbon emission, doesn't add lanes (auxiliaries included) and doesn't waste our precious tax payer money— especially when it could be going to fund important infrastructure projects in rural parts of the state.

This project is an investment in our future. So please listen to the populations who make up the future. Please support HB 2098-3.

Thank you.