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On Behalf Of:  
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I support replacing this bridge, but oppose HB 2098 -2 and -4, 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 need a clean bill focused solely on the replacement of this bridge so we secure immediate federal funding and prepare to hold a statewide conversation about the rest of our transportation system in future years.

Please pass the -3 Amendment, along with Just Crossing Alliance's recommendations. This will spend public funds wisely, and allow us to fund improvements on other facilities that will save lives and facilitate better transportation choices for all Oregonians. Thank you.

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