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## CitizenLetter

An urgent message from a concerned citizen.

HEADQUARTERS

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Chair Gail Achterman Oregon Dept. of Transportation Transportation Bldg., Room 135 355 Capitol Street, N.E. Salem, OR 97301

JUN IN ZOUB JUN 2 5 2008 Columbia River Crossing

Dear Chair Gail Achterman,

I am writing to urge you to take an important step in the drive to stop global warming and drop the Columbia River Crossing.

The Columbia River Crossing, a massive 12-lane bridge, accelerates the problem of global warming. Its \$4.2 billion cost would exhaust Oregon's capacity to fund alternative transit projects for a decade.

If we are to reach our climate-change goals, we must encourage people to get out of their cars and make cooler transit choices. The Columbia River Crossing will only increase traffic, boost globalwarming emissions and force much tougher choices down the road. I urge you to stop it. Please tell me how you intend to address this issue.

Sincerely,

Erick P Bennett

