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Columbia River Crossing
C/o Heather Gunderson, Environmental Manager
700 Washington Street, Suite 300
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Dear Ms. Gunderson, CRC project staff and CRC Task Force Members:

My name is Marla Baumann. I own and produce the Rose City Gun Collectors Shows held at the Portland Expo Center in the months of January, March, April, June, July, September, November and December. Our eight shows, along with hundreds of other events held every year will be affected by the proposed southern and/or diagonal alignment of Marine Drive.

The Rose City Gun Collectors have hosted shows at the Expo Center for over twenty years. Vendors and visitors to our shows enhance the revenue of many local hotels and restaurants in Portland during the year. We also employ the services of decorators, security companies and printing and electrical contractors based in Portland.

While we are supportive of the Interstate 5 Bridge expansion, we are against the southern and diagonal realignments based on the negative impact to Marine Drive traffic flow, reduced access to the Expo Center and elimination of current structures and parking spaces.

We support the standard plan for Marine Drive, which would allow business to continue at the Expo Center and support the Portland economy. Please consider the negative impact to the Expo Center, the business community, and the events taking place at the facility when voting on the proposed options.

Sincerely,

Marla Baumann
President, Rose City Promotions, Inc.

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