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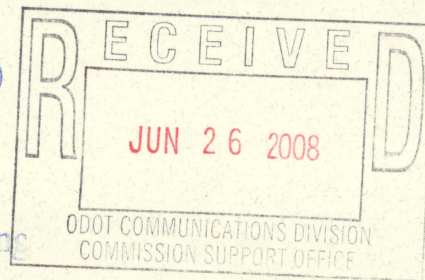
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Chair Gail Achterman
Oregon Dept. of Transportation
Transportation Bldg., Room 135
355 Capitol Street, N.E.
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Columbia River Crossing



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 global-warming 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,

Michele Van Riper

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