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Dear Sirs and Madams,

I am against building a new I-5 road bridge over the Columbia River. Listed below are a few of the many reasons.

1. We can not build ourselves out of traffic congestion.
2. It will increase the amount of greenhouse gasses.
3. Faulty criteria was used in the decision making process. Many current and future factors were ignored including new development, the cost of fuel and the increased amount of pollution.
4. Poor livability near and around the new structure.
5. Freight should move on the railroads, not on the roads. If more freight capacity is needed, build more railroads. They are the most efficient and safest way to move freight.

What should be done is; improve the flow of the roads on either side of the existing bridge and bring the existing bridge up to seismic standards. If a new bridge is built it must be only for light rail, bicycles and foot traffic.

The plan for a new 4 billion dollar bridge is a 21st century version of the Washington Public Power Supply System 'WPPSS' debacle. If a new interstate bridge is approved, as it would be a national project, it must be completely paid for with federal funds, not tolls and local taxes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marie K. Darrig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Marie K. Darrig