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STATEMENT OF ARLENE DARBY

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D-A-R-B-Y. I live in this area and have lived in this area for over 20 years. I have gone to many meetings on the 520 bridge over the years, some in Seattle and some here.

And I have great concern about our coming to a conclusion and building the bridge. The bridge has given many messages that the concrete is going to -- and has already -- suffered, so to speak, from all of the use which has increased, increased, increased. And we have many brilliant people in Seattle and on the east side. But there are -- because the bridge is in very expensive real-estate -- and next then to, on both sides, and then next to the University of Washington this makes added challenges.

But we need to come to a conclusion even if there are all these different ideas, and we need to build a bridge. And I would like it to be a six-lane bridge. And then, the specific interchanges look very good. I would let the people in the know make many, many, many conclusions with all of the study that's been done, but just to get it built. Because with all the traffic, all the use, which is just greater and greater and greater, I would like a new bridge before this one decides that it gave fair warning and decides that it is all done and that it will be just pieces of concrete at the

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6-Lane Alternative

Response:

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1 bottom of Lake Washington. So we've been given full warning.

2 And I know in the paper today it says it's going to be
3 more expensive, but regardless, we need to get this done for
4 the sake of all that goes on. This is a great area. All
5 that goes on in Seattle and all that goes on in the east
6 side, we need to go back and forth. I appreciate all the
7 work that they've done, all the open houses, and keeping the
8 people abreast. But I'm hoping that a decision and a bridge
9 are built very soon.

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