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Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 2:13 PM
To: Pike, Rep. Liz
Cc: Clibborn, Rep. Judy; Wylie, Rep. Sharon; Britt, Hannah; Delano, Garrett; Walsh, Megan
Subject: RE: For Your Consideration, Letter from Reps Clibborn, Pike, and Wylie

Dear Representatives Clibborn, Pike, and Wylie,

Thank you for writing about the recent interest by the Washington Legislature to develop a process to consider transportation improvements in our region. I apologize for my delay in responding. Our session is keeping me very busy.

In 2013, the Oregon Legislature passed legislation that would have enabled our states to move forward with a replacement to the I-5 Bridge across the Columbia River and upgrade the adjacent intersections on both sides of the river. After years of preparation and planning work, both states needed to take action in order to leverage \$850 million in federal support. Unfortunately, Washington failed to join Oregon in taking the requisite next steps. We lost hundreds of millions of federal dollars that would have offset costs for taxpayers in our states and squandered more than 10 years of local planning efforts and millions of dollars in design and testing work.

The need to improve the infrastructure in our region certainly still exists, and I hope we can someday use the vast amount of information we gathered for the I-5 Bridge replacement to improve the safety of the bridge and allow better movement of the people, freight, and transit we need for our future economic growth.

Right now, however, I'm focused on building support to pass a transportation package that addresses the transportation infrastructure maintenance backlog in Oregon. A bi-state conversation regarding the I-5 corridor will have to wait for another day.

Sincerely,
Speaker Kotek

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On behalf of Washington State Representative Liz Pike

Speaker Kotek,

Attached is a joint letter from Washington State Representatives Judy Clibborn, Liz Pike, and Sharon Wylie.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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