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Hello Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts and members of the Transportation Committee.

I am writing in support of LD 1020. I was part of the MTA's public advisory committee as a representative of a local organization. It was clear from the first meeting that there was a foregone conclusion from a bygone era about building the Connector. The consultants did not seem to consider the alternatives seriously.

Despite some the committee members expressing concerns with the way the consultants interpreted the study data, they ignored newer transportation research and pressed on to get to the outcome MTA wanted all along.

The Connector is a terrible "solution" for the traffic problems in the area. Instead of another band aid, let's address the roots of the problems by changing land use patterns and increasing density of housing and developing bus, rail and other transit options as well as more walkable and bikeable communities. That will save money up front and in ongoing maintenance. It's also better for the environment and for human health and well being. Let's put this antiquated approach to transportation to final rest. Please support LD 1020. Thank you