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To: Legislative Panel on Transportation

I attended the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and I very much appreciated having our representatives there to listen to Oregonians on the subject of Tolling on our public roads. Residents that gave oral comments covered almost all of my personal concerns. I would like to add a few thoughts.

Oregon is one of the most beautiful states in the nation. I have lived here for almost 50 years and I love Oregon. I am also a person who has always seen the need for a government because they are there to act in our best interests. I vote. Oregon's reputation has been badly bruised in the past couple of decades due to high cost of living, homelessness, vandalism, shop lifting, & other crime rates, etc. Who is to blame for the lack of progress in solving these problems? Unfortunately, the current state and local laws and the people that have been elected to fix these problems are to blame. The NYT has even written at least 2 articles about Portland, Oregon and it's homelessness, vandalism, and drug problems. It will already take decades for us to get back our reputation as a wonderful place to live. I feel like the fabric of our state's reputation is literally holding on by a thread.

**Now, ODOT has come up with this completely terrible idea of polling. I feel that adding polling to I-5 and I-205 will be the final nail in the coffin for our state. In my opinion, ODOT should be ashamed of themselves.**

- I feel that the intent of the 2017 legislation has been completely twisted around. I seriously doubt anyone voting for this understood the long term ramifications. If we want to have Oregon residents have confidence in our government, this needs to be sent back to the residents of Oregon for another vote.
- I have attended several presentations by ODOT and I feel that these presentations have been dishonest and deceitful – lacking in facts and transparency. There is no accountability for money they have already spent and for actual costs of proposed programs. This is Insulting to say the least. (BTW, If these people had to operate in the Private Sector, they would be fired).
- Is there another area in the country that currently has ALL LANES tolling on major roads where there are not a viable alternative routes? I would like to know the answer to this question. Alternative routes through neighborhoods and districts are not a viable alternative route.
- With the high cost of housing in the metro area, more and more people are having to move out to more rural areas so they can afford a place to live. Now we are going to ask them to pay a toll to drive to work, and for medical, cultural, educational, and family reasons?
- I predict that more people will literally move out of state to get away from polling. Property values will fall and therefore revenue from Property Tax will fall for the state. Has this been factored in? I have not heard anyone speak on this subject.

I live in Charbonneau and I have not addressed all of the additional reasons that this proposed polling would be terrible for us because a lot of Charbonneau members have already commented on it.

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