

To whom it may concern:

Approving toll roads on I-205 and I-5 will become an additional financial stress to Oregon working families. My Husband and I work in Wilsonville and most of our coworkers commute into Wilsonville, utilizing both I-205 and I-5. Yes, commuting to work is a choice these families have made. But that is due to the ridiculous overpriced cost of living in Wilsonville and one that they continue to make in order to survive. It's also one that allows for our place of employment to continue their daily operations.

How do you expect these working families to survive with the additional costs to drive into work? They're already paying an outrageous amount towards gas, living expenses, and most likely child care. How do you expect businesses to continue daily operations when the additional financial burden begins to take a toll on their employees? Not every position is eligible nor has the ability to transition into remote work. Approving toll roads is already making the choice for our families who commute. You're forcing them to look for work elsewhere, which causes a negative effect on businesses by increasing staff vacancies. It's a domino effect, Increased staff vacancies means emergency operations or facing the possibility of shutting down.

There is more of a negative impact than positive when approving toll roads. We already have drivers taking alternative routes, which adds to street congestion and increased risks such as car accidents, hit and runs, and road depreciation.

I truly hope you take what Oregon citizens are asking for, and that is no to toll roads.

Thank you.