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Dear Oregon Legislators and to whom this may concern;

This is my testimony OPPOSING the I 205 tolling proposal! I am opposing this for multiple reasons.

First and foremost the citizens of Clackamas already pay for their roads, hence a toll is another quasi tax rebranded!

Second, we as Oregonians have a long standing tradition of travelling on our roads unencumbered by tolling; "Pay to travel on already paid for roads!" Just because other cities and States have succumb to this mechanism of fee collection, doesn't mean Oregon needs to as well.

The third reason is the financial hardship it will pose in such a small geographical well travelled area. Despite the Government proposing pricing differentials. People travel multiple times per day for work, shopping, entertainment, school sports and going out to dinner.

This will also increase the amount of traffic over flowing into neighboring residential areas on either side of the tolling corridor, with people trying to save money and avoid tolls which could increase safety hazards.

Another key factor is potential hardship on the small businesses because ultimately people will have to choose how many times per day they are crossing the tolled corridor, thus potentially not working, shopping or eating at their favorite restaurant to save money.

Also companies that deliver goods to businesses will get hit multiple times per day, which will in turn increase the overall cost of living in the area.

It is clear the public DOESN'T want tolling, so this begs the question; to whom are you serving? The tolling proposal needs to be over and done, never to return!

Thank you,

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