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I suggested to Representative Elmer that the I-5 and I-205 bridges connecting Oregon to Washington should be tolled. Oregon citizens pay for the roads, but many Washington residents work in Oregon, as evidenced by the morning/afternoon commute traffic, and there should be a way for them to contribute funds for our roads' upkeep. There are 38 states in the U.S. that have toll bridges and other toll facilities. Oregon has two bridges, specifically the Bridge of the Gods and the Hood River Bridge, that are tolled between Washington and Oregon, so I'm not sure why the larger bridges with the most traffic are not tolled. Prices are already high enough for Oregonians in this economy, and the go-to should not be to just add taxes, instead of finding a solution. I would like to see both sides of the aisle work together to do what is best for their citizens.

Thank you,
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