May 31, 2013

The Honorable Jay Inslee  
Governor  
State of Washington  
P.O. Box 40002  
Olympia, Washington 98504

Dear Governor Inslee:

Recently, many of my constituents have expressed significant concerns about the Washington State Department of Transportation’s (WSDOT) plan to toll I-90 across Lake Washington. Although the need to explore options such as tolling to help fund critical projects is well understood, the current plan to toll I-90 will disproportionately affect those who rely on I-90. On behalf of my constituents, I ask that your Administration instead consider implementing a broad range of alternative funding strategies that will bring in revenue from multiple regions and transportation network users to better meet funding needs of a wider array of transportation projects.

Alternative funding strategies will help to ensure that the burden of revenue collection is spread more evenly across all residents of the state. Such a plan would also have the potential to fund future transportation infrastructure projects and improve congestion and traffic management.

As consideration of tolling on I-90 continues to move forward, I hope that you will keep the concerns of my constituents in mind, and consider a broad-based strategy for transportation revenue collection.

Sincerely,

Adam Smith  
Member of Congress