

1 Moreover, there should be no consideration
2 of what is commonly called "congestion pricing."
3 This, too, is discrimination, in that, most people
4 cannot choose the hours that they work.

5 Additionally, the HR -- the HOV lanes don't work.


6 I have submitted a six-page written
7 testimony. Please review it. Thank you.

8 **MR. HEWITT:** Thank you.

9 **MR. KODAMA:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

10 It's Jim Kodama, for the record; K-O-D-A-M-A.

11 **MR. HEWITT:** Thank you. I couldn't tell
12 that.

13 **MR. KODAMA:** I'm with the Pacific
14 Northwest Regional Council. My mailing address is 
15 1015 Allen Street, Space Number 1, in Kelso,
16 Washington.

17 I have spoke at several EIS meetings in
18 favor of developments. Because of our loss to our
19 lumber industries, our areas have been devastated,
20 employment-wise. Our communities are downgrading,
21 drugs seem to be rancid (sic). The construction of
22 this bridge will help pass over the Columbia.
23 Which, thank goodness we have. The Columbia is a
24 vital source of economic jobs to this community that
25 will bring good paying jobs, manufacturing jobs.

1 And that's why I think this -- this bridge needs to
2 go in; is to cross the barrier of the Columbia to --
3 to support Oregon, to support Washington, and to
4 redevelop our economic stability. Where we've lost
5 our lumber stability for a lot of our communities,
6 we can then rebuild it. And we have started
7 rebuilding it.

8 Port of Vancouver is expanding some 500
9 acres to accommodate more -- more jobs for the area.
10 And along with those jobs, you're going to need
11 transportation. Our infrastructure is desperately
12 in need of being fixed. And the two states working
13 together is great.

14 So I hope that you both consider putting
15 this bridge in. And as the one speaker said, "a
16 timely -- in a timely fashion" would be great.
17 Because Portland is -- is on the verge of bringing
18 in more with (inaudible) purchase. All the ports
19 along the Columbia are gearing up for more work to
20 subsidize workers for economic development. And
21 this needs to happen for our -- for our communities
22 to grow and to be able to supply our workers with --
23 with living jobs and -- and good wages and benefits.

24 So, please, do consider this bridge. Do
25 get it in as soon as possible. Thank you