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Dear Mr. Sacksteder,

Tolls put up barriers to jobs, visitor spending and commerce in Southern Indiana. Perhaps if you were a manufacturer in an industrial park shipping a truckload of materials the toll is a minimum cost of doing business. To those who work and take the bridge each day it is a fee/tax which is an additional cost of earning a living.

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For visitor spending tolls create barriers in our community and inhibits free commerce across the river in downtown Louisville. From the Louisville perspective it says do not go to Indiana, it will cost you extra.

Tolls are wrong! Those who are advocating tolls are not representing the 250,000 residents in Southern Indiana that will have the burden of paying the majority of costs. I do not buy the scenario that if you are against tolls then you are against bridges as expounded by the Bridges Authority and the chambers.

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Build the East End Bridge! Forget building another downtown bridge! Do not place tolls on the 49 year old, 1963 I-65 bridge.

Yours in the Sunny Side,

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