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An t-eilean Sgitheanach  
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Dear Sir, **Re: Forth and Tay Bridge tolls..**

I understand that the SNP will be putting a motion before the Scottish Parliament on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb; to have the tolls on the Forth and Tay bridges removed.

I took part in the nine year long campaign to have the tolls removed from the Skye Bridge, and was happy to see them removed in December 2004, although I had to go to prison, and have a number of criminal convictions on my record, as reward for my refusal to pay these tolls.

Following our successful campaign in Skye, the tolls were removed from the Erskine Bridge.

These bridge tolls are the worse possible type of taxation imposed on people. They are a regressive tax hitting the poor proportionately much harder than the rich. They are selective, in that they hit people in certain areas, while they do not affect those in other areas, and they work against the active members of the community more severely than against those who are less active.

The young people who travel to work, often carrying tools or equipment are hit hard and regularly by this tax if they happen to live in an area different from where their work is.

This cannot be a sensible way to develop the economy.

I hope that all Scottish MSPs will support the abolition of such an archaic system of taxation, and treat the people in Fife on the same basis as those living elsewhere in Scotland.

Le deagh dhùrachd

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