



TOWN OF
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Testimony submitted to General Assembly Transportation Committee

The Town of Greenwich is opposed to the State of Connecticut's establishment of tolls at Connecticut's borders. Tolls will generate increased traffic through local neighborhoods by motorists looking to avert payment. In Greenwich this will have a negative impact on the Byram neighborhood and its residential and business communities. Furthermore, this will also add traffic to the presently burdened U.S. Route 1 in Greenwich.

We also are concerned about the impact these tolls will have on the level of carbon monoxide emissions and the poor air quality for the Southwest region of Connecticut.

Presently we have routine traffic backup and stoppage at I-95 Exit 4 to the New York State line during the hours between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. This traffic congestion weighs heavily on businesses looking to relocate to Connecticut and the Town of Greenwich, and for recruiting employees for these companies.

Greenwich presently hosts a truck weigh station between Exit 2 and Exit 3 on Interstate 95. How will the establishment of tolls impact its operation and function?

Respectfully submitted,

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