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Subject: Testimony on Bill #6050

Hello,

I am contacting you to express my concerns about the proposal to install border tolls.

There are many valid concerns expressed by others but I am going to talk about how the proposal specifically relates to my personal situation. I live in Enfield and work in Massachusetts. I get on I84 at exit 73 in Union and drive north to the Mass Turnpike. I am on I84 for approximately four miles. Am I going to be expected to pay a toll to exit and enter the state each day just to go to work? I already pay enough in taxes in this state and do not expect to have to pay to use 4 miles of highway every day.

Is it fair that I would have to pay a toll while friends of mine who live in Enfield and work in Hartford, Meriden and Wallingford pay nothing to use many more miles of CT roads each day than I do?

Would I be paying the same toll as out-of-staters that enter in Danbury and exit in Union?

One other thing I'd like to bring up is the statement I've heard in the past by Representative Guerrero about the tolls not impeding traffic because the technology allow you to drive through at the speed limit. I've driven all over the country and very few places are set up to use that feature. Conditions have to be correct and from what I've seen it takes major modifications to the highway and basically an extra lane to allow this. Transponder technology may allow this but our roadways will not. It will be extremely expensive to implement speed limit toll lanes. And, we absolutely would have regular lanes with toll takers because there is no way every out of state driver will have a transponder.

Just to be clear, I am totally opposed to installing border or any tolls in Connecticut.

Thank you,
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