

Kess, Quinn

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To: Kess, Quinn
Subject: Testimony on Bill #6050

Transportation Committee clerk Quinn Kess,

My name is Mark Conrad, I am writing to voice my concerns regarding re-establishing tolls at Connecticut's borders; I live in New Milford and work in Danbury, both of these areas have a large number of shopping outlets. I believe that tolls along the NY - CT border will decrease potential shoppers from NY at the Danbury Fair Mall and along Route 7 in Brookfield and New Milford.

I also have to travel on I-84 to and from work, these roadways are extremely congested and the addition of toll booths will only increase that congestion and add more travel time to the commute.

Many people who live across the NY border work in the Danbury area and will resort to using local residential roads for their daily commute into work so as to avoid the tolls. This will increase traffic and create unsafe conditions on our residential streets.

In addition, I noted that this proposed bill was introduced by Representatives and Senators from the 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 10th and 11th districts: none of which are along the CT border. Since this bill would not have any detrimental effect on these districts and only provide for more revenue, I suggest that this proposal be presented as a referendum to the effected border districts.

The issue of state spending must be properly addressed in order to correct Connecticut's monetary problems. The re-establishing of tolls is not only unsafe and detrimental to business but will not bring insufficient revenue to counter our current and future revenue and spending problems.

Sincerely,

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