

## Kess, Quinn

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**To:** Kess, Quinn  
**Subject:** NO to Border Tolls - Proposed Bill No. 6050

Quinn Kess,

I am writing to express my adamant objection to the proposal of border tolls in Connecticut. As a life-long Danbury resident I can foresee no benefit for the residents of Danbury or any commuter wishing to visit, do business or otherwise enjoy our city and state.

The legislature and Governor can try as they might to package this as harmless to the local community, however this would be nothing more than huge additional tax to the residents. Residents who are fortunate enough to have employment in this economy, and their daily struggle to make ends meet within their households. Our families do not have the luxury of just going to their employer and demanding more money for expenses because we refuse to cut spending like that of our legislature and Governor.

In addition, most of Danbury's main local roadways are State or Federal roads, which for many years, have seen no moneys to expand, maintain, or improve. Any tolls instituted on the Interstate will only increase local traffic further corrupting commerce, increase local road maintenance, need for increase in police and other first responders, and significantly decrease the overall quality of life here in our city.

In closing, I strongly urge this entire proposal be scrapped and removed from further discussion, in the Danbury area, and every other border road in Connecticut. Instead, the legislature and Governor should sit down at the table like every family in Connecticut does, lay out the bills, add up the income and do the math. Using the same parameters that our families use, with no additional income available. The answer is clear, spending must be curbed and drastic cuts made. It will be painful for many, but there is no more money to be had. Government takes too much now and our basic services are not being funded.

The legislature and Governor seems to find this financial crisis trivial. They do what they need to do to spin and pander for votes in return for bankrupting our future. They continue to broaden their spending with impunity as it is not their money they are spending. Where have the true leaders and statesmen gone? Is there any moral accountability left in Hartford?

Cut spending - We have no more money to give.

Regards,  
Roger Palanzo - Danbury