

Kess, Quinn

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Mr. Kess,

As a resident of Fairfield, CT, I am strongly opposed to the state bringing back border tolls. Adding tolls to our already over-congested state highways would further interrupt commerce, adversely affect Tourism and degrade the environment around the road, for example underneath elevated parts of the expressway and nearby side roads.

In addition, tolls may be so high and cause so much delay that traffic diverts off onto parallel roads which pass through residential neighborhoods. This will increase negative environmental impact to those areas (i.e. increased pollution/litter, more dangerous streets and traffic accidents due to the higher volume of traffic).

Adding tolls may be a quick fix to a state revenue shortfall, however, once tolls are instituted, they are likely here to stay and expand throughout the state, causing crippling delays that will ultimately causing a loss of revenue and over burden residents already paying some of the highest taxes in the nation.

More research needs to be conducted to find alternative to tolls or at least ways of making the tolling system more efficient and not cause more delays.

Sincerely,
Denise Lauro