

Kess, Quinn

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Subject: Testimony on Bill #6050

Committee Clerk Quinn Kess,

Please make it known to your committee that I and many members of the Sherman community strongly oppose putting tolls on I-84 at the New York / Connecticut border.

Residents of communities such as Sherman will see increased traffic from motorists (including large trucks) through our small town on our rural roads as motorists travel up New York Route 22 to avoid tolls on their way to New Milford, Kent, and other parts of Litchfield County. This will impact our roads and bridges and put our residents at risk of increased accidents, injuries, and potential crime.

Further, many of our Sherman residents work in New York State. We already pay significant taxes to the State of Connecticut. Tolls on I-84 will be a new tax and an unnecessary burden on our residents.

Further, New York State residents who regularly shop at the Danbury Fair mall will be discouraged from bringing their commerce into Danbury and Connecticut, impacting local businesses and state sales tax revenues.

I encourage the State to cut spending and promote new avenues of commerce rather than raising additional revenues through new taxes.

Regards,

Eric Holub
Treasurer, Town of Sherman