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As a border town resident of Enfield, I find it deeply troubling that toll booths could inhibit my movement locally and cost us monetarily more than the average Connecticut resident. In an effort to avoid tolls, drivers will be use the surface streets which will create traffic jams, increase idling vehicles and thus degrade our quality of life.

The plan is to make the toll booths electronic so no-one needs to stop.
In order to make that happen every vehicle will need to have a transponder and I know there is a fee for the use of those transponders in addition to the posted toll, they are not free.

Since some residents will not want to pay the fee for these transponders, so some vehicles will have to stop to pay the toll, reducing the validity of the argument that no-one will have to stop.
People with pick-up trucks with dual rear wheels are charged the same price as a box truck, quite often \$2 - \$4 more.
Place a travel trailer behind that same truck and the toll increases exponentially.
Transponders are not configured for all wheel and axle configurations and they will have to stop at the toll booth also.

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