

Kess, Quinn

From: Mary Sapracino <marybear44@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2013 10:06 AM
To: Kess, Quinn
Subject: Testimony on Bill #6050 Tolls at the Borders

To whom It may concern:

Putting tolls on the borders of CT is the worst idea that the legislature has come up with yet. As a taxpayer and and former elected official in Danbury, I can tell you that the economic advantage of people coming from NY is huge. The people of Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties shop in our stores (the mall to name only one area) and work in our retail, commercial and industrial venues. All of this activity generates tax money for the state and supports business. The tolls would place an additional financial burden on Western CT residents and if history holds, they would see little or no benefit back from Hartford for this additional tax revenue. There are many ways to avoid crossing the border on I84. All of these "back way routes" would put impossible pressure on our secondary roads (Come see what happens in Danbury when there is traffic or an accident on I84 !!!!!)

In my opinion, this proposal is a lose, lose for western CT and I urge you to reject it.

Mary Saracino
5 Brinscall Ct
Danbury CT 06810
Former City Council Member