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Glastonbury, Connecticut

Addressing:

- HB 5125 An act establishing tolls on Connecticut's highways
- HB 6050 An act concerning tolls at Connecticut's borders
- HB 6051 An act establishing tolls at Connecticut's borders and reducing the gas tax
- HB 6052 An act concerning the establishment of tolls for the extension of Route 11
- SB 699 An act decreasing the gas tax and establishing electronic tolls on Connecticut's highways

I am opposed to putting tolls on Connecticut's highways for the following reasons:

1. Previously when there were tolls in Connecticut, fatalities occurred at toll booths
2. Each taxpayer killed at toll booths was a loss of thousands of dollars per Annum of sales, gasoline, and income taxes to Connecticut
3. Hydrocarbon pollution occurred when vehicles were backed up at toll booths
4. Precious fuel was wastefully consumed when vehicles were backed up at toll booths
5. Some drivers would take local roads to avoid tolls and thus caused congestion on those roads
6. Wherever electronic tolls are employed, there is always toll booths to collect tolls from vehicles not having tags
7. Cost of toll collectors' salaries reduce revenue from tolls
8. Administrative costs reduce revenue whenever a new tax is created.

I would rather pay a higher gas tax to increase revenue that the legislature is looking for when considering tolls.

Thank you for considering the points I have raised.