

I am writing to the committee to express my strong opposition to the proposed Border Tolls.

CT has the reputation as a state with one of the most burdensome tax loads on its citizens and is known to generally be unfriendly to business. This proposal would do nothing but reinforce these perceptions.

In addition, the traffic nightmare it would create on our borders would be an incentive not to travel through our state. Case in point, try traveling on the Mass Turnpike during peak times. It is a parking lot. For politicians concerned about greenhouse gas emissions, nothing could be worse than the 5 mile backups that routinely occur on toll roads in Massachusetts in the summer and fall.

Lastly, our state has one of the highest gas taxes in the nation. This money was to be earmarked for transportation infrastructure. Yet now we need another tax (toll)? I think not.

A concerned citizen,

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