

To whom it may concern:

I am a resident of Danbury, CT 06811

There are many issues concerning border tolls:

Economic impact:

Danbury Shopping has a significant draw from the Westchester; Putnam and Dutchess county. probably a draw of 25 miles into New York State. So significant sales Tax revenue is derived from the current economic environment. The question is will tolls and traffic congestion create a tipping point where developers in NYS will create a new or expanded shopping area by making Danbury uneconomic significantly decreasing sales tax revenue.

Has a Sales Tax Revenue loss study been prepared?

Commuters: Currently Danbury has a cost advantage for commuters and companies located in the region. The region is healthy economically and growing. Older residential housing is not growing but condominium developments have grown the area by drawing older New Yorkers who no longer want the headache of owning a home. They have flocked to the condos just over the border in Connecticut. A toll will have a negative impact on this development and send this section of the housing market into a decline. The Greater Danbury Housing Market still has not recovered from the great recession and will

place a larger burden by adding to the inventory of depressed housing.

Many companies have moved to Danbury because of the labor pool. The toll will affect the economics of the commuters and place a burden on companies whether they should stay or relocate because of the economic impact on the commuters and their quality of life.

There is an environmental problem in that there is an endangered amphibian in a Lake near Exit 1 for which an increase in pollution or environmental impact study has not been researched.

The City of New York has a reservoir not far from the border and an environmental study has not been completed on that reservoir.

The locals will use side roads to avoid the toll namely Mill Plain and other back roads into New York State. This will just add to the growing traffic congestion that already exists on these roads as the tolls will cause a shift in local driving patterns to avoid the toll.

Currently many students cross the border both ways daily to go to colleges in NYS or CT. Daily tolls will significantly impact those individuals.

Tolls are a regressive tax placing an undue additional burden on the poor and middle class.

How many companies will move or relocate out statedue the tolls. Cost of doing business cross border will increase affecting companies on both sides of the border. This will have a negative impact on businesses and shipping costs.

Regards,

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