

To whom it may concern:

I am completely and adamantly opposed to even the mere thought of returning tolls to Connecticut.

The damages to the local Danbury economy, environment (cars backed up for the tolls and backed up on local one lane roads to avoid them) far outweigh the so-called benefits.

The gasoline tax was supposed to be used for road maintenance, yet it's redirected (stolen) for general fund use. With the cost of gas down, those receipts are lower, so as I understand it, your committee wishes to keep CT expensive? Ridiculous!

According to this site, Danbury is the 11th most expensive place to live in the entire country:

<http://www.businessinsider.com/most-expensive-places-to-live-in-america-2015-2?op=1>

“Danbury is the second-most expensive place to live in Connecticut. Both the income tax and sales tax in Danbury are higher than average in the US”

Then, there basic fairness to commuters. My office is in Somers, NY. It's patently UNFAIR for me to bear this burden to bring money back to CT.

You wish to fund roads? Start by cutting waste and expense from that massive 50,000+ CT State workforce, and then start looking at infrastructure. Use existing sources. I need to live within my means, and so do you.

Expunge the thought of tolls from your vocabulary. It's a really bad idea whose time it is to be trashed for good.

Sincerely,
Bill Hillman
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