

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing regarding the upcoming decision on House Bill 6818. I am not in favor of putting up tolls at the CT state borders for several reasons. As someone who lives on the border of Massachusetts and Connecticut, in Enfield, I do frequently go across the borders; I occasionally work in Massachusetts and use 91 from Hartford a few times a week.

Those of us who live near the borders would be unfairly taxed. More so, than residents who live say 20 miles away.

Second, the back roads in and around Enfield and Suffield and their abutting Massachusetts towns would become quite clogged with traffic. I know, if I am going to pay tolls each time I go back and forth, I won't do it. I'll just avoid the highway. 91 can already be a nightmare at various times of the day, Adding tollbooths will certainly clog the interstate. I suspect the roadways and highways near New York will experience the same.

Please find another way to raise money for the necessary road, bridge and other infrastructure work.

In fact, why not consider the following ideas to bring in money for infrastructure repair:

- Have a "one-time" fee, for all CT drivers.
- Reroute the local excise taxes every 3 years into a special fund
- Create a special CT vanity license plate, the money from the sales of which will go to this work
- Work with the Lottery Commission to come up with CT State Lottery Ticket called, "Roads and Bridges." This suggestion will undoubtedly bring in the most amount of money!
- Re-route all monies obtained from traffic fines, vehicular infractions to a Roads and Bridges Fund.
- Have all persons convicted of DUI pay \$500 as part of their restitution, payable to this fund.
- Put in "weigh" stations as in days of old, where big trucks will be required to pay a fee, thereby obtaining fees from out of state drivers that put a lot of wear and tear to CT roads
- Utilize the labor and manpower from those in prisons and jails to perform some of the necessary work required. Thereby providing manpower, skills, experience and preparation for other work, after their incarceration is completed
- Collect taxes from Massachusetts and New York residents who work in CT, payable on their CT income taxes.

I'm sure there are numerous other ways, as noted, to finance this work.

I hope you will consider other means to raise the revenues needed.

Thank you for your time, and work on this important bill.

Respectfully,

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