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Re: HB 6818, An Act Concerning the Establishment of
Electronic Tolls the State's Borders

Dear Senator Maynard, Rep. Guerrero, Senator Boucher, Rep. O'Dea &
Members of the Transportation Committee,

For the record, I am writing this response in reference to the HB 6818, An
Act Concerning the Establishment of Electronic Tolls at the State's Borders.
This is absolutely absurd.

There are two major highways that are very heavily traveled, as you well
know; Route I-95 and the Merritt Parkway. They are very, very heavily
traveled major highways to New York City and vicinities and out of New
York. No matter when it is, there are substantial traffic delays on a daily
basis at all times during the day, nights and weekends. You can never get
to a destination without leaving at least six hours ahead. It is tough enough
to be tied up in a traffic jam for tree trimming that can be done at off hours,
not during the day when people are traveling trying to get to work or
wherever there destination is. The idea to even think of putting tolls back
on these highways is absolutely crazy. There is an economic impact to
businesses. Businesses are moving out of the state. Business today is
historically lower than ever. There will be an increase in the impact to get
around the backups on secondary roads near the highways. The authorities
fail to see the environment of the impact this will have. The authorities also
fail to see how the increase in fuel consumption will cause an enormous

amount of pollution while sitting in traffic. This is also like the massive traffic jams that were encountered in Ft. Lee, New Jersey. There is no place to put these tolls and the thought of having tolls installed is totally unfair and is absolutely detrimental to everyone's well-being; but to even toy with such a massive project, is the craziest idea I have heard of. We already pay exorbitant taxes. Putting in tolls is another reason or what you mean is that tolls are the same as raising our taxes.

We vehemently object to having this bill passed. If this matter has to come through the legal system, then I am sure you will hear from many, many other families besides by husband and myself. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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