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Transportation Committee

Connecticut General Assembly

State Capitol

Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Members of the Transportation Committee,

As someone residing in such an area, I read with incredulity the proposal for the establishment of tolls at the state's borders. (Raised H.B. 6818)

Once again and, albeit probably unintentionally, the legislature would unfairly treat those living on the border of our state. Considering our population density it would be especially deleterious to those of us in lower Fairfield County.

If you wish to be fair and simultaneously wish to limit use of our highways, then a plan involving all of the state's citizens should be examined. Alternatively, if you wish to have an impact on truck traffic, then you might investigate a system similar to that on I-287 west of the Tappan Zee Bridge in New York in which cars pass toll free while trucks are tolled. The truck tolls would be a business expense to the trucking company. The cost of tolls then could be passed on to all of the consumers of the goods they transport.

In summary, I ask that you reject a plan that would unfairly affect one portion of the state's population.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Wilkinson