

Dear members of the Transportation Committee,

We are writing to express our **strong** opposition to the re-establishment of tolls at Connecticut borders. Tolls would put a tremendous burden on those of us who live close to the borders of the state, both here in western Connecticut, and on the Massachusetts and Rhode Island borders as well. Many Connecticut residents in the border towns and cities commute across state lines for work, and this would unfairly target them each day as they drive to and from work. Here in the greater Danbury area, we would also have to consider the loss of revenue from New York state residents who come over the border to Connecticut to shop at establishments like the Danbury Fair Mall and the Trader Joe/Staples plaza on the border. We would think that New York residents (and Massachusetts and Rhode Island residents too!) might think twice before traveling to shop in Connecticut, if they have to incur tolls whenever they cross the border.

Governor Malloy pledged during his recent re-election campaign that there would be no new taxes levied - tolls on our roads are a tax, so we are holding the Governor and the Legislature to his campaign promise of no new taxes. We strongly urge you to abandon this bill which would reinstate tolls on our roads, and cause economic hardship to those of us (and the entire state!) who live in border areas within the state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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