

The idea being floated to re-establish tolls in the state of Connecticut is an unjust tax on the people that live near the border towns of Connecticut. The idea that with new technology no-one will have the need to stop for the collection of the toll is just not true.

- Not everyone will have the proper toll collection transponder and thus, they will need to stop.
- Not every vehicle will fit into a particular classification, they will have to stop.

In addition to the extensive toll plazas that would need to be built, staffed and maintained, the toll rates are not fair. Not every vehicle can fit within the narrowly defined list of classifications and not all of the tolls can be justified. I drive a dually pick-up truck (6 wheels) which is used as a personal vehicle and not as a commercial vehicle. The trucks main purpose is to pull my camper when we are on vacation. If I pulled my camper with a regular pick-up truck (4 wheels), the tolls in most states are substantially less, even though the weight of my vehicle is within a few hundred pounds of the 4 wheel model. I am one of the vehicles that must stop at the toll booths because it does not fit into one of the categories. Once at the toll booth, I am at the mercy of the toll booth attendant to properly classify my rig. There is no reasoning with the attendance and I have no recourse. I often pay upwards of \$16 at toll booths while I am on vacation and I try my best to never pass through or stop at the states that charge these fees.

Since there is much information on the internet showing the routes to use to avoid the toll booths, many people will try very hard to do so. One way people will avoid the toll booths is to use the surface streets, which will then be very busy. Infrastructure improvements will then be needed so that the surface streets can handle the increased traffic load, property values will drop and accidents will increase.

The perceived increase in revenue from the collection of tolls at the Connecticut border may seem like a good idea, but the people that will ultimately pay the price are the people that live in those towns.

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