

Gentlemen: We have been residents of Greenwich for more the 42 years and find it implausible that after almost six years of the worst economy, 92 million people who have given up looking for jobs, a down housing market and taxes that are the highest in the Nation, the Board now finds it appealing to open a dialog to return Tolls to The State of Connecticut.

I know that moving ahead would appear to solve some of the State's money problems, but actually it is just another "status quo" decision that hits everyone in the pocket, at a time, when even with low gas prices, the monthly bills just keep coming. And the reality, the cost to service, maintain and staff these booths almost puts you back to a "break-even" cost.

For the first time in years there seems to be a glimmer of hope for the future. Why, for goodness sake would you kill that future by adding another burden on the people? The taxpayers always end up paying for every conceivable program, pensions, taxes, enabler's and many more, in the name of "doing good" for the Community. This does not come close to helping the communities.

Clearly our leaders must try do a better job and step up to some real belt- tightening and not always place the financial burden on residents. Everyone drives and everyone will pay. Rather than tolls and taxes, perhaps the State's Executives can become more reserved, tighten their belts and try to eliminate the many excesses that fall on us in the Status Quo category.

I have worked in the Pentagon and Federal Agencies. When sequestration hit, no one knew how to manage with less budget, fewer people and still get the job done. We took on the challenge in several agencies and while not easy, helped move the government in a new direction. The selection of Ash Carter, as our new Secretary of Defense, for example, is a step in that direction.

Let's do the right thing for the State and the people... vote no on tolls and yes on savings, I thank you for allowing me to express my views. I would indeed be pleased to help The State of Connecticut find new sources of income and rid the system of antiquated programs, as we did in Washington.

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