

To whom it may Concern,

I strongly object to the use of tolls to raise revenues for infrastructure projects that should be funded by the gasoline sales tax and the gross receipts tax. The Governor has said that he would not raise taxes and although this is more of a use tax for people using whatever roads which end up with tolls, it is still a tax. In my opinion, before we raise more revenue through use tax, the Governor and the legislature should reduce spending in all accounts. Connecticut is already one of the most expensive state in which to live. A toll on any road would be one more nail in the coffin of business, especially small business. It takes less work and effort to raise taxes. My recommendation would be to spend more time and effort to get to the root of Connecticut's financial problems and find some ways to reduce spending. Since the beginning of the recession, most people in Connecticut had to deal with cuts in their income. We adjusted our budgets, did without, and paid more taxes than we ever paid before. It's time to stop manipulating numbers to make budgets look good and come back to the reality that government should not spend more than what it takes in.

I would like to see a session where the Governor and the legislators spend more time facing the financial problems and fixing them rather than creating more bills which will spend even more money we don't have.

Best regards,



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