

I am in favor of tolls... **BUT NOT AT THE STATE BORDERS!**

There are 3 potential problems with tolls:

- (1) The old toll booths were sources of delay and accidents- with EZ-PASS that problem has been solved.
- (2) Border tolls will deter shoppers from crossing state lines to shop and hurt shopping mall businesses- this proposal would have that effect!
- (3) Tolls cause congestion on local roads that provide alternative routes that avoid the toll collection sites- this proposal would have that effect!

Transportation improvements are desperately needed in Connecticut. They must be paid for by tax payers in one form or another. The use of tolls should be limited to specific projects and removed when the project has been paid for. The tolls should be placed so that those who benefit from the transportation project funded by the tolls are the ones who pay for it.

A case in point is the proposed improvements on Interstate 95 east of the Connecticut River and the related completion of Route 11. The tolls should be placed on Route 11 (the alternative Route 85 will see a marked reduction in traffic, not an increase) and where Interstate 95 crosses the Connecticut River (there are no viable alternative routes for motorists to avoid the tolls).

We have to pay for transportation infrastructure improvements. Let's do it in a smart way rather than the blunt approach offered by tolls at the borders

Regards,

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