

Hello,

Let me get straight to the point, no tolls in CT.

Placing tolls on CT roads would be a very bad decision for CT, its residents, and visitors to our great state. Traffic in Fairfield County is bad as it is, adding tolls would only make things much worse. Traffic in New Haven is not great on 95, adding tolls would once again make it go from bad to worse. If you haven't done so recently, I suggest you try commuting from New Haven to Greenwich in the morning rush hour and then back again during the evening commute. I also suggest you try the same on the Merritt Parkway. Now imagine adding tolls to these roads and slowing traffic even more. Toll on our roads do not make sense for so many reasons.

In the eighties I went to school in Rhode Island and traveled the length of CT to get to school. I clearly remember the long lines and time spent at the toll booths on both the Merritt Parkway and 95. - That was 25 -

30 years ago. Congestion on the roads has only gotten worse since then.

Re-Installing tolls on these roads today would be a horrific decision.

Commute times would be lengthened, more pollution would result from cars sitting in line waiting to pay, and people would be significantly dismayed by the increased tax, increased fuel charges, as well as the extra time wasted due to time spent traveling to and from work or play.

Fairfield County residents already pay a disproportionate share of the taxes in CT. It would be one thing if the taxes we paid were actually spent here but they are not. Most of the money collected in Fairfield County is actually spent in other parts of the state. Why do we still have Zone Pricing for Gas??? How can you justify someone in lower Fairfield County paying a higher gas tax than residents in other parts of the state simply based on their zip code or perceived ability to pay more??

Connecticut residents have some of the highest taxes in the nation. Our leadership needs to stop reaching into the pockets of its residents looking for more money. We need to create legislation that encourages job creation and business growth and derive new revenues from these not once again placing the burden on an already overtaxed populace.

Placing tolls in CT is a bad idea. Increased traffic, increased costs, increased time spent commuting to work, and increased frustration will all quickly follow suit. For the sake of our great state of CT, please do not re-instate tolls on our roads.

Sincerely,

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