

Members of the Transportation Committee, please vote “NO” for House Bill 6818.

While the idea of collecting taxes from the citizens might sound like a good idea for the political powers that be, from what I’ve read about this bill, the means of collecting the tolls seems somewhat contrived. I would either have to purchase and fund an electronic toll device from one of several states and the citizens of Connecticut would have to fund some private company to install and manage license plate photography devices and develop a mailing system to send a bill and then develop a process to collect the toll and a process to collect what is due from scoff law breakers, ad infinitum.

To top it off there is a suggestion that we need a State Constitutional amendment to prevent the political powers that be from using the tolls collected for anything other than the highways and byways. (That certainly doesn’t generate warm fuzzy feelings about the sincerity of some folks.) Please try to cut spending before spending more money on a process that seems to need a thorough cost analysis and or that could potentially lead to another “honey pot” for special projects.

Thank you,  
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and change the world for the better.