

My husband and I are lifelong residents of Danbury, CT. and are very concerned regarding the resurrection of tolls on the CT highways. When we were young and our parents traveled to visit family either across the state lines or within Connecticut we recall the congestion at the toll booths and also the fact that it was expensive for our blue collar parents. When Interstate 84 was created with no tolls our families were happy because it allowed them to travel with ease and lower expenses. Now that our community has grown and the number of citizens who commute to work, either in a neighboring state or outside of the town they live in will hurt them economically (between gas prices and tolls). How long before we see more Connecticut residents leave our state to reside elsewhere that will not impact their financial stability. My husband and I have discussions about leaving Connecticut when we retire because of the high cost of living in our state. Also adding tolls will add more congestion to our roads. At the same time, why would residents from our neighboring states want to come to Connecticut to shop, work or visit when it will add to the cost of their trip.

We are firmly against this proposal.

Sincerely, Rose Marie & Jack Bouclier