

January 27, 2017

Representative Pam Staneski
Hartford CT

Subject: Hearing on Bill to use a lockbox and add tolls to CT highways

Dear Representative Staneski,

First, I am writing to ask you to vote pass the bill to cancel the investigation into the Mileage Tax. The mileage tax feels like an insult to CT drivers.

Secondly, I am asking you to vote yes to adding electronic tolls to CT highways. I don't know where they are discussing to place them but I believe they should only be added at the borders. The greatest benefit of adding them is that it will allow all of the out of state drivers who pass through CT to get to their vacation, business, etc. destinations to help pay for our roads. It would be even better if CT residents could pay a reduced fee using the tolls so it wouldn't be such a hardship. We should also provide them free to CT residents like MA does.

As I drive our highways, I am always amazed to see how many out of state drivers I see. They contribute to the wear and tear on our roads. Why shouldn't they help pay for them, just like we do when we travel through their states.

I believe this is the best way to raise funds because the gas tax is being reduced. It's time to join the 21st century and use a safe alternative like the electronic tolls to raise money for our road maintenance. And I agree with others that it should all go into a transportation lockbox.

Thank you,

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