

Connecticut General Assembly – Transportation Committee

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House Bills No. 5458, 6058 and Senate Bill No. 560 – Acts Concerning Electronic Tolls on Connecticut Highways.

My name is John Chunis. I live at 40 Deerfield Run in Rocky Hill. I have been a resident and taxpayer in Connecticut since 1975. I support these bills.

It's about time the Connecticut placed tolls back on our highways. Every state from Maine to Virginia has tolls on their highways.

A good portion of our highway system is used by cars and trucks just travelling through our state. This traffic, especially the large trucks, cause significant wear to our roads that we have to repair using funds solely from our income tax and sales tax. We can continue to repair and snow plow our highways using these funds alone or start collecting tolls to also share the burden with the transient users of the highways.

To minimize the impact of Connecticut residents travelling within the state, I suggest the electronic tolls be placed at the entrances of all highways to our state, namely:

Rte 95 northbound on the New York border,
Rte 95 southbound on the Rhode Island border,
Rte 84 eastbound on the New York border,
Rte 84 southbound on the Massachusetts border, and
Rte 91 southbound on the Massachusetts border.

I urge the Transportation Committee approve these bills.

Thank you for allowing me to provide my comments.

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