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**Subject:** Say no to tolls

Dear Transportation Committee,

Please include this opinion in your 2/27/17 testimonies for your hearing on the future of tolls in CT. I'm very much against their re-imposition.

My main complaint has to do with the poor payment compliance rate that goes along with electronic tolling, which I presume is the method of tolling under consideration. When historically 30% of vehicles - presumably out-of-staters - never pay the tolls they receive in the mail, an undue and unfair burden is placed upon the compliant 70%. Doesn't this amount to *unequal treatment under the law*? How can you, in good conscience, intentionally impose what amounts to an unfair tolling practice? Do CT drivers deserve to be treated as second-class suckers, simply because CT will be able to employ enforcement mechanisms if they try to avoid the tolls?

Please rethink this poorly conceived and executed folly, even though neighboring states are setting up new tolls - also at the major burden to their residents.

The only workable solution to the inherent non-payment problem with electronic tolling is a combination of EZPass tolling and onsite cash collections. Do you want to institute those again? Who will apologize first to the victims of the inevitable crashes that ensue?

Please, keep the tolls out!

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