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Cc: zRepresentative Michael Ferguson
Subject: CT highway toll proposal

With regards to the following toll proposals:

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- S.B. 560 AN ACT INSTITUTING ELECTRONIC TOLLS ON CONNECTICUT'S HIGHWAYS
- S.B. 751 AN ACT ESTABLISHING ELECTRONIC TOLLS ON CONNECTICUT'S HIGHWAYS USING A CONGESTION PRICING SYSTEM
- H.B. 6058 AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC TOLLS
- H.B. 6045 AN ACT INSTITUTING CONGESTION VARIABLE PRICING LANES ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS
- H.B. 5458 AN ACT ESTABLISHING ELECTRONIC TOLLS ON CONNECTICUT'S HIGHWAYS

I am currently a resident of Ridgefield CT and have lots of close family in NY whom I visit often and vice versa. This highway toll proposal is disgusting and an abuse of government power. CT has systematically been turned into a financial nightmare as a result of fiscal irresponsibility and the entire country knows it. This is functionally an additional tax on the working class, especially on those residents who commute across state lines. It's a horrible idea that represents betrayal of our elected officials to act in a fiscally responsible fashion.

How about this for an idea... STOP spending money you don't have. If you can't figure out how to balance a check book, you shouldn't be writing checks!

Americans don't just go to work for the sole purpose of paying taxes or to get their hard earned dollar stripped away; be it taxes, tolls or some other government mandated vice.

Thank you Mr. Ferguson for representing our voices and concerns at the state level.

Warmly,

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