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**From:** Anthony Dembek <adembek@me.com>  
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**Cc:** tratestimony; Sen. Kissel, John A.  
**Subject:** House and Senate Bills to Impose and Regulate Tolls on Connecticut Highways

There are a number of bills in the legislative pipeline that seek to impose and regulate tolls on our roads. As a lifetime citizen of the state of Connecticut, I strongly urge you to vote "NO" on reinstating tolls on the highways. This latest "money grab" is simply the worst thing that can happen to us.

The ability to travel freely allows the economies of many separate communities to benefit from a larger consumer base. Further restrictions on that travel will deter the local population from supporting a favored shopping center, entertainment complex, or dining establishment. You have already regulated and driven out almost all of the thriving and most productive businesses and manufacturing plants from our soil. This toll will simply serve to repel any potential companies from considering moving to an already hostile business environment.

Your alleged attempt to take advantage of a nearby casino operation will backfire on all of us. I live and work here. I already pay some of the worst fuel, road, and property taxes in the nation. I will not be able to commute if my paycheck will not allow me. I only have so little as it is. Placing more burdens on a population that has already been taxed out of prosperity will only serve to make more consider leaving their homes to start over somewhere that appreciates us.

You are elected, not crowned. You can't continue to see us as an endless money pot.

Do you want your name associated with the bill that drove the final stake into the heart of our population and economy?

I want my representative to vote and speak out AGAINST tolls.

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