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"NO" to tolls, toll stations, and mileage fees in CT. Our state is becoming the symbol of government greed and nickel and diming its residents at every corner of activity--whether it be hundreds of fees on regulations, gas taxes, expanded sales taxes, minimum bottle prices, raising bottle deposits,....and the list goes on. I lived in CT when we had tolls and it was a history of unintended consequences---high priced toll-taker unions with exorbitant benefits, just like what has happened with state government employees;; deaths and accidents at toll stations; drivers doing unnatural traffic patterns to avoid paying tolls; and unfair penalties for people whose jobs were just beyond toll stations.

"YES" to funds that go to improving our transportation infrastructure, particularly if CT makes intelligent and legitimate requests to the Federal government in its proposed program on infrastructure development.

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