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Gentlemen,

As you can see I live on the CT/NY border in Danbury and since I actually work for a living I will not be able to attend your session which will give very few an actual voice.

So my comments, instead:

Nothing I say will chage the minds of entrenched, uncaring, and incompetent legislators. You have already essentially bankrupted the state's coffers, now you aim to bankrupt the citizens as well with your pernicious tax increases that will go on and on as far as the eye can see as billion dollar deficits become the norm, not the abberation.

A toll "tax" will help destroy small business, change work and driving habits to get around it, and oppress the citizenry of this state who put you clowns into office.

The answers to this state's probems are much simpler than you realize: Shrink the government by half, legislate term limits so that new thinking is introduced and corruption is rooted out, and make Connecticut a "Right to Work State." You seem to care little about business as they are moving out much more quickly than they are moving in and tolls will accelerate that trend. You consistently nibble around the edges instead of tackling the red flags staring you in the face. This state is a haven for those who take, not those who give. The givers will soon have had enough and will leave the state. You create no jobs and are stuck in the last recession with no "new" ideas beside new taxes similar to what the legislature looks to do in Illinois to solve its fiscal woes.

Stop the madness and get to work solving real issues, which is to make the state competitive. With tolls you stop nothing but growth, make Connecticut business "unfriendly" and continue the path to being one of the worst governed states in the union (look it up).

The day the tolls go in I move my family and my business out.

Good luck trying to convince anyone who thinks clearly that tolls are a splendid idea.

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