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Subject: Re: Tell the Legislature to Oppose Tolls!

To the Connecticut legislature:

In reference to the following proposed bills to institute tolls:

- 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

Tolls will add congestion on side streets for those cars and trucks avoiding them. The added cost of the tolls will drive businesses out of Connecticut. One such business is the real estate industry.

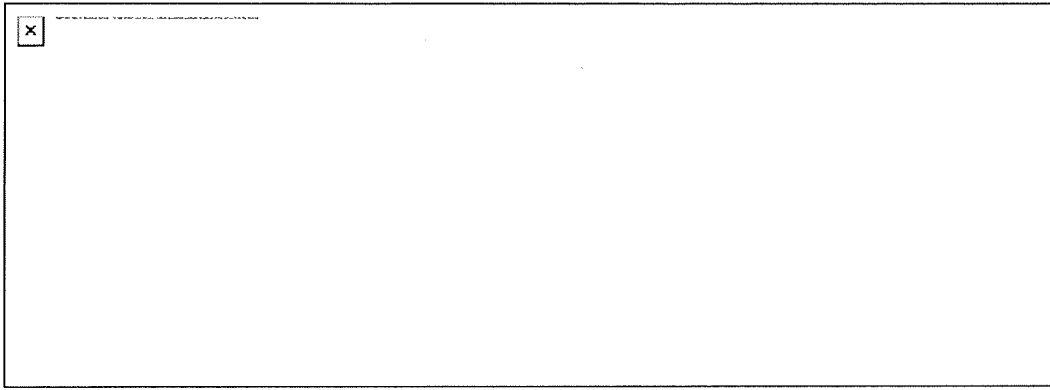
I own a real estate company in Ridgefield. We have Connecticut residents commuting to New York that will suffer the burden of the additional cost of commuting. The tolls will result in fewer New Yorkers moving to the border towns in Connecticut.

It will also impact out of State customers from buying in Connecticut.

Connecticut should increase their revenue by having an incentive for companies to move here. Such incentives should include low or no corporate taxes. By adding more businesses our increased revenue will be in the form of new employee income taxes.

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From: Rep. Michael Ferguson
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 12:02 PM
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Subject: Tell the Legislature to Oppose Tolls!



Good afternoon!

I have received countless emails, phone calls, and personal appeals about proposals to institute border tolls on Connecticut's highways and how negatively they would affect you, your families, and your businesses.

I don't need to tell you all of the reasons border tolls are a bad idea, especially for us in Danbury, New Fairfield, Ridgefield, and other nearby towns. Tolling financially discriminates against residents of communities that border neighboring states and would force us to pay for shortfalls in the state budget.

Lawmakers - none of whom represent towns that border other states - have proposed several different bills that would institute border tolls in Connecticut. We need to stand together as a community and oppose all of them. That's why I'm asking anyone who would be affected by tolls to testify at a public hearing and express opposition to these bills:

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This Monday, February 27, at 11:00 A.M., the General Assembly's Transportation Committee will hold a public hearing in Hartford for all bills proposing tolls in the Legislative Office Building, Room 2C.

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Here's how you can make sure your opinion on these bills counts:

Submit your written testimony on tolling legislation at tratestimony@cga.ct.gov, and please be sure to copy me at michael.ferguson@housegop.ct.gov. Your testimony can be as brief or lengthy as you would like. Just include your name and town. Refer to all of the tolling bills and mention them in your subject line.

If you'd like to testify in person, the hearing will be held on Monday at 11:00 A.M. in Room 2C of the Legislative Office Building.

I'm here to help with any questions, so please call my office at (860) 240 1423 or email

me at michael.ferguson@housegop.ct.gov if you would like to discuss this or any other issue further. I always appreciate hearing from you.

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