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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

Dears Sirs,

I am a Danbury resident and I strongly oppose the proposed tolls on I-84.

The principal road used by my neighborhood is called Aunt Hack. All vehicles exiting I-84 at Exit 2 find themselves on Mill Plain Road – and Aunt Hack is one of the first road that lead off of Mill Plain Road as Mill Plain Road parallels the interstate. There has been considerable development in the past ten years along Mill Plain Road and in the industrial space between Mill Plain Road and the I-84 – evening rush hour traffic along Mill Plain Road has been terrible. Extra traffic lights and an extra eastbound lane have been added, but both have done little to ease the congestion. Friday at rush hour, or when there is a traffic delay eastbound on I-84 between exit 2 and exit 5, traffic streams off of I-84 at exit 2 and onto Mill Plain Road and completely overwhelms Mill Plain Road from Old Ridgebury Road to the I-84 exit 4 on-ramp at Segar Road. There have been numerous times when I've had to drive my children to a Friday 6PM baseball game at Rogers Park or a soccer practice at Kenosia Park where we were late because of the quagmire on Mill Plain Road. Friday rush hour is particularly notorious along Mill Plain Road – we have had to adjust our schedules just to insure that we are not on that road at that time of day on a Friday unless there are no other options.

I invite the members of your committee to drive along Mill Plain Road from exit 2 to exit 4 on any given Friday beginning at 5:30PM and see for yourself.

Tolls on the I-84 will significantly increase the already congested traffic on Mill Plain Road as there will no doubt be individuals looking for a way to skirt the tolls. And as the traffic builds on Mill Plain Road, drivers using "quickest route" APPS like Google Maps and Waze will be redirected to my neighborhood streets – placing a demand and vigilance on those streets where none had existed before.

For those of us who live on the west side of Danbury, if I-84 has tolls and Mill Plain Road becomes bumper-to-bumper, we have essentially been cut off from the rest of the city of Danbury. We will have little choice but to use more the laborious "back way"...up Aunt Hack, around the reservoir, down Middle River Road to Franklin St Extension to get into the rest of Danbury...which will please no one in those neighborhoods either.

Regards,  
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