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Everyone who drives from Boston to New York passes through Connecticut. You must pay tolls in both neighboring states. They charge Connecticut residents; why can we not do the same?

The recently opened express tolls on the Massachusetts turnpike cause no slow-downs or traffic problems whatsoever. Drivers lose neither speed or time. Anyone without an EZPass transponder is billed. The argument, therefore, that installation of tolls would be dangerous, has no merit. The accident that happened at the Stratford toll plaza many years ago cannot happen with this new system.

This is the most equitable of the proposals I have heard to raise revenue for the state and some would not come from Connecticut residents. I strongly urge the adoption of tolls on Connecticut highways.

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