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To: tratestimony
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Thank you for providing the forum to express our opinions. I am a resident of New Haven Connecticut and a lifelong resident of Connecticut. Understanding that tolls will be necessary within the state to offset future increases of state and local taxes, I feel that Connecticut taxpayers should not be made to shoulder any of that burden. As someone who makes a living traveling on our roads as a salesman of municipal equipment, I see large numbers of out-of-state vehicles traveling our roads and it stands to reason that they would choose to use Connecticut roads over Massachusetts due to the tolls on I-90. I propose that Connecticut residents be given the opportunity to purchase transponders and maintain them on a semi-annual basis (payment may be made along with local auto tax bill) thereby making the vehicles that the transponders correspond to, immune from toll charges. I suggest minimal / token charges, perhaps under \$10 annually for privately owned Class C vehicles. As for commercial vehicles registered in Connecticut, if that business is physically in Connecticut I feel that they should be exempt all together as Connecticut businesses already have no incentive to be established here in the first place.

In my opinion, apart from the maintenance of transponders for Connecticut resident- owned vehicles, out of state vehicles passing through Connecticut should assume all of the burden of the active tolls.

Sincerely,

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