Members of the Connecticut House of Representatives Members of the Connecticut Senate Connecticut State Capitol 210 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Vote Yes for LCO-373

I am a regular commuter on Route 95, Routes 91 and 84, The Merritt Parkway, the Wilbur Cross Parkway and many local roads in Fairfield County. In the past few years, I have had to replace my car windshield twice, my husband had to replace the bearings in his car, and we had to replace a tire punctured by a bolt that had fallen from a truck. I regularly have to allow three times the normal commute time from here in Norwalk to Larchmont, New York because of traffic and road conditions on Rt. 95 and the Merritt.

It is time for the members of the Connecticut House and Senate to do their job for the residents of Connecticut. It is time to vote FOR LCO-373. The many 18-wheel trucks that damage Routes 95, 91 and 84 must start sharing the cost of maintaining those highways as they do in every other state on the east coast. Future generations must not be forced to pay for those repairs. Tolls are the fairest and most responsible way to fund the desperately needed infrastructure needs of Connecticut. Moreover, tolling trucks will allow the state to qualify for low-interest Federal loans to fund road, rail, air, and port improvements.

As a citizen and a voter, I am tired of sitting in traffic polluting the air, and I am tired of the obstructionism in Hartford. Instead of scoring political points, please show some political courage and do your jobs. Vote YES on LCO-373.

Yours very truly,

Leslie P. Blank