

Transportation Committee
Public Hearing on Tolls
January 31, 2020

I write today to implore you to please vote no on the Governor's proposal for "trucks-only" tolls. It is obvious to most Connecticut taxpayers, and should be to you as well, that this is not a "trucks only" proposal. It is clear that this is yet another attempt to heap another tax onto the hundreds of thousands of hard-working middle class citizens of this state.

Even if the tolls were imposed solely on trucks, the costs would be passed down to all Connecticut residents. If the cost of shipping goods is raised, so too will increase the cost of consumer goods. We already pay a gross receipts tax on gasoline that exceeds that roughly equals the total amount of money that Massachusetts receives for its tolls, a state that has no gross receipts tax. Therefore we are being asked to pay double the amount of money for transportation than our neighbor to the north. This is a foolhardy proposition for a state that is already leaking residents like a sieve.

Tolls are just another effort by our state government to rob Connecticut taxpayers of their money and their freedom - in this case, freedom to travel without the encumbrance of a levy for the privilege of commuting to the jobs we so desperately need to support our families in a state that is becoming more unlivable every day. Please vote no on tolls.

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