

Dear Governor Lamont, Connecticut State Representatives and Senators,

Concerning: LCO No. 373. AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF CONNECTICUT'S
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

I am a resident of Windsor, CT. I oppose the current bill to toll trucks on our highways. It is an ill-considered solution to our budgetary and infrastructure problems. Taxation, especially taxation that impacts the flow of goods and services, does not boost economic activity. It suppresses it. If truck tolls are implemented, the costs will be passed onto Connecticut residents with higher prices for food, goods and services. Didn't we just impose new taxes on food, goods, and services on January 1st? The ink on those taxes has barely dried, and the CT governor and Legislature are moving quickly to make living in Connecticut even more costly for its residents by imposing tolls on the vehicles that transport them in and around our state.

In addition to impacting existing commerce, some aspiring new small business owners will shelve their plans of self-employment and creating new jobs because of yet another tax burden that must be paid in order to do business in Connecticut. Maintaining a business in Connecticut is already tremendously expensive, never mind starting one from scratch. Perhaps the Legislature and Governor would look at ways to make Connecticut more supportive of existing businesses, and to foster new business creation, rather than taxing anyone who lives within or crosses its borders? I'm no economist, but the road to economic prosperity doesn't have tolls.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,

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