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Subject: NO to Draft Bill LCO #373 – NO to Tolls

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Dears Members of the Transportation Committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to draft bill LCO #373. Rather than take the predictable path thinking that raising more revenue (at the expense of Connecticut's citizens who are already over-taxed) will solve our problems, let's demonstrate leadership and vote "No" to the Tax and Spend mentality that has led to Connecticut's economic demise. I don't think it's overly dramatic to say that Connecticut's economy is in a death spiral. A "No" vote would signal that we have woken up and have decided to change direction and lighten the load on our citizens and are committed to create the incentives needed to revitalize our economy.

As a small business owner I can tell you that tolling trucks will increase my cost of doing business in Connecticut. The goods that we purchase will become more expensive, as the companies we purchase from will pass on these higher transportation costs to us.

Rather than burdening us with more expenses, please find the needed money to invest in our transportation infrastructure within the current tax structure, and specifically the fuel tax. I believe we have enough revenue to do the job, but it will take imagination and hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

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