

Support for Tolls – Please support **Draft Bill LCO #373**

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Thank you for this opportunity to express my support for Tolls and Draft Bill LCO #373.

In traveling throughout New England and other nearby State I see highway tolls used extensively and the EZ Pass technology works very well. Connecticut is located in the middle of the busy northeast corridor and we need to use this technology to provide safe and efficient highways. It is very frustrating that tolls are so obviously needed based on our location and yet we remain one of the few states to resist using tolls.

I find the destruction of roadside trees heartbreaking. the constant mowing and pruning operations cause long traffic backups, are not environmentally sound and a poor use of infrastructure funds. DOT work practices maul the landscape and encourage vast swaths of invasive plants which in turn produce seeds that spread the plants to other spaces. We should demand accountability and high performance from DOT and the others involved in our transportation infrastructure. We need a more enlightened and productive approach at DOT.

But we should not miss out on the contribution from Tolls while we address smarter maintenance and alternative financing.

Opponents of tolls are using arguments based on semantics and unaddressed consequences. I consider their tactics reprehensible, however I am extremely disappointed in the lack of a clear and forceful response. Our Revenue systems need a lot of updating but pandering and negative narratives only make things worse - in this case missing out on a well-established revenue stream.

Please support implementation of highway Tolls in Connecticut.

Thank You

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