

## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF LCO #373: "An Act Concerning the Sustainability of Connecticut's Transportation Infrastructure"**

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING JANUARY 31, 2020

Dear Chairmen Sen. Leone and Rep. Lemar, Vice-Chairs Sen. Bergstein and Rep. Simms, Ranking Members Sen. Martin and Rep. Devlin, and Distinguished Members of the Transportation Committee,

I have lived in Glastonbury, Connecticut for more than 35 years, and I submit this testimony in **support of LCO #373: "An Act Concerning the Sustainability of Connecticut's Transportation Infrastructure"**

CT's infrastructure will benefit from collecting tolls on trucks, enabling CT to increase transportation revenue by \$180 million annually from tolls on trucks only. Most trucks are from out of state, and due to their weight they cause more damage to our roads than cars. Tolls are paid by trucks up and down the Eastern seaboard. It is well past due that CT charge trucks to use our roads and help in their repair.

**This bill will NOT be charging tolls on cars.** There is a bond covenant in the bill to assure this, and the bill expressly states no tolls on cars.

**Toll revenue will go only to the transportation infrastructure as required by Federal law.**

**Tolls, on trucks only, are a far better way to fix and maintain CT's transportation infrastructure than borrowing bond funds, which in the long term will cost the taxpayers more money.**

I urge the committee to unanimously vote Yes for LCO #373 and toll the trucks that use our roads.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
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