

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.

Highway tolls technology is mature and widely used to successfully collect user fees that can be used to help defray the cost of providing safe and efficient highways. It is almost ridiculous that tolls are so obviously needed based on our location and yet we remain one of the few states to resist using tolls.

Connecticut needs to utilize that technology as well as other programs to meet our critical transportation goals which are vital to our success. We should also demand accountability and high performance from DOT and the others involved in our transportation infrastructure. I am appalled by the devastation of our median and roadside vegetation and the careless manner in which that work is done. The spread of invasive plants resulting from the careless work -and the incessant mowing - are unacceptable. 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 should not get away with describing Federal Loans as not borrowing or ignoring other pressing needs as pain free. Our Revenue systems need a lot of updating but pandering to “we already pay too much” rabble rousing only inhibits solutions and adds to the problems – 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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