

To: CT. Transportation Committee

January 29,2020

Re: testimony in opposition to LCO-373

I am opposed to this bill for the following reasons:

It allows for appointed, not elected, individuals to determine the rates and increases.

It does not rule out tolls on cars.

It puts Connecticut taxpayers at risk of lawsuits from the trucking industry.

I would like to make it know that I am opposed to any tolls in Connecticut! I own a small business in North Haven and I live in Madison. I used to be able to make a decent living in the home remodeling industry. That is no longer possible. I now work twice as hard to make half as much money because many customers in my market cannot afford or are not willing to invest in homes that are declining in value.

Connecticut is losing businesses and residents and the property values are declining due in great part to high taxes and unfriendly business environment. Tolls are just another form of tax that will drive more people from the state.

It's time to try something new like cutting costs!

Vote for tolls and you will lose my vote!

Sincerely,

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