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The Honorable Dannel Malloy  
Office of the Governor  
State Capitol  
210 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Malloy,

We write to you to express our deep frustration with the recent decision to place on the Bond Commission agenda an item to authorize \$10 Million for a study of tolls.

The legislature made it clear in the 2018 General Assembly Session that we would not be moving forward with plans to study, or place, tolls throughout Connecticut. The bonding for a study of tolls is a complete disregard of the legislature's action. This is a massive misuse of taxpayer's dollars at a time when, on a bi-partisan vote, the legislature has made a commitment to get our fiscal situation under control through the Biennium Budget. If the Bond Commission moves this item forward, we believe it will be an insult to lawmakers and Connecticut taxpayers.

We understand the need to improve many of our roads, highways, bridges, and railroads, but using tolls to generate these funds is not the solution. During the 2018 General Assembly Session, a budget was adopted that fully funds transportation projects. It includes funding for the Special Transportation Fund resulting in \$29 Million in FY 19, \$120 Million in FY 20; \$204.8 Million in FY 21; \$275.7 Million in FY 22; and \$369.4 Million in FY 23.

In 4 short months, we will be electing a new Governor. The subject of tolls will be a matter for him to address. We feel strongly that it would be irresponsible to bond \$10 Million when tolls may, or may not, be part of the new administration's agenda.

We ask the members of the Bond Commission not to place \$10 Million on the state's credit card and ask that they remove this item from the agenda.

Sincerely,

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State Representative  
122<sup>nd</sup> District

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State Representative  
113<sup>th</sup> District

cc: Benjamin Barnes: Secretary Office of Policy & Management, Denise Nappier: State Treasurer, Kevin Lembo: State Comptroller, George Jepsen: Attorney General, Melody Currey: Commissioner DAS, Senator Fonfara, Representative Rojas, Representative Davis and Senator Scott Frantz