

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION FROM THE COVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL IN OPPOSITION TO THE INSTALLATION OF TOLLS ON LOCAL AND STATE ROADS

WHEREAS, the Council further believes the increased traffic on our secondary roads would affect the quality of life of Coventry residents in numerous ways including but not limited to:

1. A dramatic increase of heavy-duty commercial vehicles and tractor trailer truck presence encroaching on our scenic New England community, negatively impacting the Town's character and atmosphere;
2. A dramatic increase in traffic by heavy-duty commercial vehicles and tractor trailers subjecting streets to increased damage, maintenance and repair costs resulting in an increased tax burden;
3. Crowding of secondary roads, an increase in traffic accidents, and disruption of the pedestrian enjoyment and residential property values on and adjacent to the main roads affected;
4. Traffic congestion from increased vehicles and accidents delaying response time for local emergency personnel, causing significant safety concerns and compromising the standard of safety care and increasing the cost of public safety to the taxpayers of the Town of Coventry;
5. Further discouraging retail establishments and shopping, putting our valued local businesses at a competitive disadvantage and increasing costs and decreasing convenience to residents.
6. The subjection of our residents to a new estimated tax of \$900-\$1,100 per year for commuters traveling from Coventry to Hartford for work (per person); the regressive nature of the proposal failing to take into account the income level of working people.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coventry Town Council does hereby declare its opposition to the implementation of tolls on state highways leading to the aforementioned negative effects to the Town of Coventry; and

BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED, that the Coventry Town Council does hereby submit this resolution to the Governor of the State of Connecticut and the Connecticut State Legislature this 20th day of May, 2019.