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Subject: Say No to Bay Area Toll Roads!
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Hello,

I just read <https://www.sfgate.com/driving/article/Tolls-coming-to-many-if-not-most-Bay-Area-freeways-15492804.php>

I strongly oppose new tolls on Bay Area Freeways. My family has paid CA state taxes and gasoline taxes for generations to build these highways and freeways, why should we have to pay more just to use what our tax dollars built? DMV registration fees have drastically increased in the last few years and California already has some of the highest gasoline taxes in the US, is it fair to tax drivers even more?

I had to move to a bedroom community to afford to live near Silicon Valley, where my job is. I resent new tolls or transportation taxes being levied without having a say in their implementation. I also resent commuter lanes, FastTrac and exorbitant bridge tolls.

What I would suggest is a ballot initiative be created to let the voters decide if there should be increased registration fees on inefficient cars. The larger SUVs and trucks cause more wear and tear on the roads, let their owners pay more, not the the average suburban dweller who has to commute but chooses to buy a fuel efficient car.

I have relatives on the East Coast who live in a region with a high concentration of toll roads. Driving across their town or across their county is very costly. Your misguided tolls are going to disproportionately affect low income and fixed income folks who can least afford them.

Also, I see Granite Construction taking an excessively long time to finish road improvements, retaining walls or culvert replacements. Lately portions of the highway along my commute are repaved every 5 years or so, when they only need minor maintenance, but parts of the highway that haven't been paved in decades never get repaved. Try using the resources you have more efficiently and eliminate the graft and waste among your contractors before trying to extract more hard earned funds from the taxpayers. My next emails will be to my elected representatives and Howard Jarvis Taxpayer's Association.

Sincerely,
Overtaxed Californian Voter