



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Mr. Jeffrey Mullan
CEO, MassDOT
Secretary of Transportation,
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
10 Park Plaza, Suite 3170
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Secretary Mullan,

We write in response to news that the State of New Hampshire is applying for permission from the Federal Highway Administration to add new toll plazas along I-93, near its border with Massachusetts. We ask that the Patrick Administration oppose this plan to build new toll plazas, due to the negative impacts it will have on Massachusetts.

The construction of new toll plazas along I-93 will result in thousands of additional vehicles diverting onto alternate border roadways, such as Routes 1, 3, 495, or other local roadways, in an effort to avoid paying additional tolls. Also, it is our feeling that, due to the proposed location of these new toll plazas, this is nothing more than an attempt by the state of New Hampshire to shift the burden of paying for its infrastructure improvements onto the backs of Massachusetts residents.

Sincerely,

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Sen. Robert L. Hedlund
Plymouth/Norfolk District
Member, Committee on Transportation

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven A Baddour".

Sen. Steven A. Baddour
First Essex District
Co-Chairman, Committee on Transportation