



ALLIANCE FOR  
TOLL-FREE INTERSTATES

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## WINNERS AND LOSERS

Tolling existing interstates may be good for some, but it hurts the traveling public and the residents and businesses in the area. Learn the facts about who wins and who loses.

### WINNERS

**Politicians** – Tolls let politicians maintain their own political interest at the expense of good investments for taxpayers. By building tolls, politicians avoid tough decisions like raising fuel taxes. Politicians let motorists take the hit of paying into an inefficient tolling bureaucracy so that they can protect their own record.

**Wall Street** – Tolls are bonding initiatives that put more money in the pockets of banks and other lenders. Tolling interstates allows private interests on Wall Street to profit off of public goods.

**Consultants** – Federal, state, local governments pay millions of dollars annually to consultants for tolling-related studies and reports. These consultants see a huge financial incentive from new and proposed tolling projects.

**Tolling Technology Companies** – The technology systems for tolls must be updated every 5-7 years. Because tolling facilities are operated indefinitely, every time a facility is built, tolling technology companies gain a customer into perpetuity. Technology companies are big beneficiaries of the absurd administrative costs of tolling.

### LOSERS

**Local Residents and Businesses** – Tolls are especially devastating for residents and businesses near the tolling facility. In addition to increasing commuter costs, tolls drive up the cost of goods and services because they make it more expensive to transport materials. Tolls also hurt businesses and industries that have manufacturing and distribution components or that rely heavily on tourists or commuters as their customer base. Overall, tolls stunt economic development and decrease quality of life in the communities where they are placed.

**Motoring Public** – The motoring public - whether families travelling the interstate for vacation or commuters travelling for work - will be among those hit the hardest by tolls. According to recent estimates, a family travelling from Washington D.C. to Florida and back on I-95 would pay \$143.50 in tolls on the interstate alone, with that amount increasing every year. Even worse, \$36 of that \$143.50 would go to cover the administrative costs of tolls, not to the roadways tolls were intended to fund. By comparison, when \$143.50 in fuel taxes is collected, only about \$1.44 is absorbed by administrative costs.

**U.S. Economy** – Transportation costs are a major determinant of the competitiveness of an economy. Tolls drive up the cost of doing business and are a red-flag for companies looking to locate in an area. Companies will produce goods elsewhere to avoid paying inflated transportation costs, hurting the U.S. economy and costing American's jobs.

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