

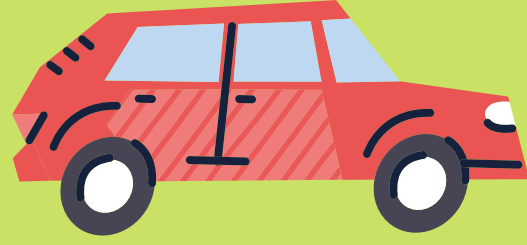
THE MYTHS AND FACTS OF TCI



Myth #1

BUSINESSES OPPOSE TCI, AND DO NOT WANT TO CAP TRANSPORTATION POLLUTION

In a letter to Governor Ned Lamont, **over 80 employers expressed support for TCI**. This list included companies such as IKEA, Lyft, Nestle, Unilever, and DHL. Many businesses are actively trying to become more sustainable, and TCI would improve the sustainability of supply chains for all companies that operate in Connecticut. TCI is a **market-based solution to air pollution that encourages the private sector to reduce its pollution**.



FACT #1



Myth #2

CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS DO NOT SUPPORT TCI.

An **overwhelming majority of Connecticut residents support TCI**, and view it as essential to the economic recovery from COVID. According to a recent poll, seven out of ten voters support the TCI. Transportation is vital to our state's economy. The TCI would improve our transportation infrastructure and ensure that it is resilient to the effects of climate change.

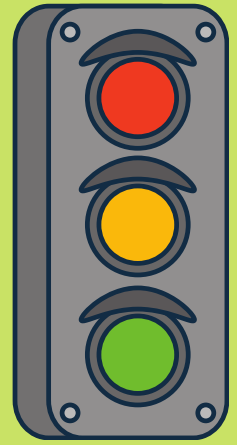
FACT #2

Myth #3

TCI IS A GAS TAX ON CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS.

TCI is a **cap on polluting emissions from transportation**. This cap drives investment in cleaner vehicles, more reliable and convenient transit, and improved transportation infrastructure by requiring companies that sell transportation fuel into the Connecticut to hold emissions allowances.

FACT #3



Myth #4

CONNECTICUT WILL CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE A DECLINE IN TRANSPORTATION FUNDING.

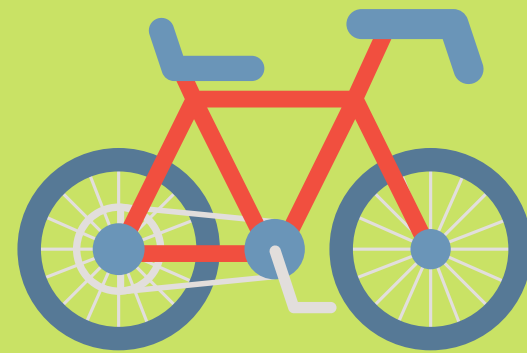
The TCI will generate **additional investment for Connecticut's transportation system**. Connecticut will also be better able to leverage federal funding to improve our infrastructure.

FACT #4

Myth #5

CONNECTICUT IS GOING IT ALONE AS OTHER STATES HAVE REFUSED TO JOIN TCI.

Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and the District of Columbia have **joined with Connecticut in leading the way to implement the program**. Eight additional states have formally committed to working towards adoption of the program on timelines necessitated by their particular circumstances. All of these jurisdictions are committed to working together to address a problem that impacts all of our communities. **States that have implemented the program receive all of the benefits and each state has full control over the specific investments that it makes.**



Myth #6

TCI WILL NOT HELP CONNECTICUT'S ENVIRONMENT.

40% of Connecticut's carbon dioxide pollution comes from the transportation sector. **TCI would significantly reduce the pollution that the transportation sector produces.** This would guarantee that individuals would enjoy a cleaner environment that has significantly less air pollution. Connecticut does experience a geographical problem, whereby pollution from other states moves into our state. However, Connecticut can take responsibility for its own pollution and our state can become more sustainable and healthier to live.



FACT #6

Myth #7

TCI WILL NOT IMPROVE OUR AIR QUALITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

Researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health estimate that **TCI would avoid over 300 deaths per year**, and prevent thousands of children from having asthma-related problems in our region. This would help families save on medical costs. Automobiles emit various pollutants, such as carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds, and particulate matter that are known to cause lung and breathing problems. With carbon emissions capped at a certain level, these amounts of pollutants would be reduced in the air that we breathe. Our families would be able to live in healthier communities.



FACT #7

Myth #8

CONNECTICUT IS INSIGNIFICANT IN REDUCING OUR NATION'S POLLUTION FOOTPRINT.

Connecticut has the **primary responsibility for reducing localized pollution which adversely impacts the health of our communities.** It is important to note that **Connecticut is ranked 10th in the nation for levels of ozone (smog).** The transportation sector is a major source of smog-forming pollutants, and smog is known to cause severe respiratory and other health problems. Connecticut needs to reduce its transportation pollution, even if we are considered a small state. Connecticut can be a leader on environmental and transportation policy that all states follow.



FACT #8

Myth #9

TCI WILL HURT RESIDENTS FINANCIALLY.

TCI is aimed at reducing the transportation pollution from large companies and supply chains that operate in our region. Communities and individuals will be provided with healthier air, cleaner and more accessible transportation options to connect them to work and leisure activities, and designed transportation infrastructure that accommodates all users. The health and welfare of families in Connecticut is of the utmost importance. **TCI places the interests of regular people over the fossil fuel industry.**



FACT #9

Myth #10

TCI WILL HURT ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN CONNECTICUT, AND LEAD TO A HIGHER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.

TCI will create jobs for Connecticut residents. **The investments in our infrastructure system will create jobs in construction, telecommunications, utilities, and transportation.** It will provide transportation solutions that sustainably connect the places that people live with the places that they work. TCI is essential to our state's economic recovery from COVID-19. Additionally, TCI would expand our infrastructure and internet system to rural towns. **TCI would reduce air pollution and improve economic opportunities in our cities and rural towns.**



FACT #10

