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Sen. Campbell Calls Tolling I-35 in Austin a Dead End
"83rd Legislature Passed Legislation to Prevent Tolling of Free Lanes."

AUSTIN-- State Sen. Donna Campbell released a statement in response to reports that the state's transportation agency could convert two lanes on I-35 in Austin into toll lanes:

"I authored and the 83rd Legislature passed Senate Bill 1029 to protect taxpayers from this exact type of scenario. Piecemeal tolling of existing state highways is not a long-term solution, does not relieve traffic congestion, and unfairly penalizes drivers with a new tax based on where they have already chosen to live and work. This will not speed up commerce or make our highways any safer. We must stop relying on gimmicks and find more long-term sustainable funding to fix our most congested roads."

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Senator Donna Campbell represents Senate District 25 which includes all or parts of Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Hays, Kendall and Travis counties. She sits on the Senate Transportation Committee and co-authored SJR 1 to boost highway funding by \$1.2 billion a year, the biggest boost in over a decade without raising taxes.