

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATORS LORIGO, RATH & DIXON**

Re: Opposing Border Crossing Fees along the United States-Canadian Border

WHEREAS, The United States and Canada enjoy a close diplomatic and economic relationship; and

WHEREAS, this relationship is especially evident in Western New York; and

WHEREAS, Erie County's annual budget relies heavily on revenue collected from sales tax; and

WHEREAS, New York State also benefits from sales tax collections; and

WHEREAS, a significant portion of this sales tax is derived from Canadian shoppers traveling across the border to purchase goods from merchants in Western New York; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that the Department of Homeland Security has suggested studying a border crossing fee as part of its 2014 budget proposal; and

WHEREAS, this fee would be in addition to tolls already charged at border crossings; and

WHEREAS, such a fee would serve as a disincentive to attracting shoppers from Canada to visit local merchants; and

WHEREAS, less Canadian shoppers would adversely impact sales tax collections by New York State and Erie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby opposes the imposition of additional border crossing fees to be charged to individuals entering the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the local delegation of the United States Congress.

Fiscal Impact: None.