

Re: "Renewal of CCC tolls will be discussed at meeting," Metro, Sept. 15.

I am outraged that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and our state legislators are trying to scare the hard-working citizens of the West Bank into believing that our ferry boats will stop running if the Crescent City Connection bridge tolls aren't renewed in 2012.

Why? All the other ferries across the state are fully funded by the DOTD?

And why are we paying tolls to fund a completely separate police force to patrol a two-mile bridge? The State Police should be patrolling this short stretch of highway.

This is self-funding governmental waste at its worst.

We were told the tolls on the Crescent City Connection were temporary, intended to pay for the construction of the new bridge.

Our politicians promised us they would be removed once that is done. We've held up our end of the bargain, and the bridge will be completely paid for in 2012.

Now they should remove the tolls as they promised they would.

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