

I have been informed that there is a public hearing to discuss increased business taxes retroactive to January 1, 2015.

As I am unable to attend, I would like to contribute my thoughts.

As a small business owner, increased taxes make every sale harder. We compete with large and small companies from outside CT. Every dollar increase that comes in the form of taxes increases the chances that we will lose further sales to competitors that operate in states with lower tax rates. Sadly, this has nothing to do with our competitiveness....it is driven by our selection to do business in CT.

Further, trying to go back to clients and collect taxes on payments they have made earlier in the year is going to put our business in a horrible light relative to competition.

I cannot imagine my clients reaction to a note that they owe us more than what we originally billed them. Frankly it is unprofessional and embarrassing.

I hope the tax increase and the retro nature of any increase is reconsidered.

Regards

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