

To whom it may concern,

I would like to voice my opposition to SB-946 and both the increases in existing taxes and any new taxes. As a state, we need to learn to live within our means, just like a normal business and/or family does. For too long the state has lived with the illusion that revenue comes in an endless supply to satisfy (increasing) expenditures.

This year it has been especially grotesque. To fit his proposal under the spending cap, our illustrious governor proposed drastic cuts mostly to people without a voice. Cutting many of the services that actually help people, yet I heard nary a comment of reducing staffing or expenditures at places like the LOB, DOT, DMV, JUD, DCF, or any of the other bloated branches of CT. It was almost as if our leadership was saying "we can't cut at DMV but we'll eliminate an Honor Guard at a fallen Vet's funeral to save expenses". I'm sorry, but I have to believe there are things and staff to cut at any of these places and we could still fund an Honor Guard.

To top it all off we have we have the Appropriations Committee redefining on the fly what is and isn't an expenditure to free up spending cap room. And then to add to the hubris, the pension costs that they removed to free up cap room they used in the actual calculations to determine the cap size. The disrespect to the citizens of CT demonstrated by the committee was amazing.

Please let our voices be heard.

Sincerely,

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