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Subject: No New CT Taxes testimony

Hello:

I am requesting the the legislature not, again, "reinterpret" the constitutional spending cap passed by voters. Changing what is included in the cap is bad faith on the part of the legislature. We voters approved that cap for a reason. And reinterpreting what spending is included in the cap again and again is against the spirit of what we approved.

And also don't raise our taxes again. The state needs to live within their means. I know the choices are not pleasant to make but that is what legislators are elected to do. You might start with getting what is likely the largest budget item, employees, to help out. The taxpayers have been putting in with higher taxes every year. I know my employer is cutting staff to live within its means.

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