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Unfortunately I will not be able to make the public hearing in person but I would like to use this letter to communicate my concerns and frustration with the current tax increases being proposed.

<u>Please click here</u> to read letter. http://cthousegop.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Letter_4-29-15.pdf

I've added several other people to this email in efforts to bring awareness to this issue as well as share my own voice with my fellow neighbors and constituents.

I moved to CT in 2007 from Florida to grow my professional career and while I've experienced great professional growth opportunities; my quality of life has subsided precisely due to the lazy and covert legislation process highlighted in the letter above (lazy references the often used solution of raising taxes; not the amount of energy or work put forward my legislators).

While I understand the need to fund services and or prior commitments - I just don't feel or see that our collective democratic legislators are really challenging themselves to think creatively on how to deliver services in a more cost effective manner.

I agree with funding services like universal preschool and kindergarten as well as modernizing public transportation but again I know there is a way to deliver these and other services in a more cost effective manner and I don't understand why other avenues besides raising taxes are not evaluated or pursued.

I urge the House to reconsider yet another tax increase and ask for more transparency in the future.

Thank you to Themis Klarides and Bill Aman for putting together the letter and sharing it with us.

Regards Erik Crespo South Windsor - CT