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I oppose any new tax increase's, where every penny is watched and every penny is counted we as taxpayers are struggling to make ends meet now, Connecticut also maintains a high unemployment rate of 6.4% the National unemployment rate is 5.5%. Raising taxes is not the solution to prosperity the path to prosperity is less taxes the proposed increase of the state sales tax and the proposed increase of the state income tax will have a adverse affect the state will actually receive less tax revenue. Discretionary spending is similar to dieting, when a person starves itself of food the body actually stores body fat making weight loss difficult, unpleasant a never ending battle however if the person changes the diet weight loss is not that difficult or unpleasant its the same with discretionary spending my point is instead of starving people with taxes change their diet instead. Discretionary spending is in fact discretionary everyone losses consumers, business, Sate revenue. According to multiple sources of highest taxed state's in the nation Connecticut is ranked #4 in the year 2012 Connecticut ranked #7 we are going in the wrong direction. Let us be frank if in fact any of us including yourself ran our household finance's like the state of Connecticut we would be living under a bridge or very close to it. Raising taxes is not the answer we are struggling now I say let's not make things worse.

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