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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email to shed light on my concerns over the proposed tax hikes/manipulations. Honestly, this letter is mainly general discontent w/ how the state spends money in general.

I used to work a decent job, making what would seem to be an almost sustainable living with a salary of about \$43,000/yr. I no longer work that job (more on that in the next paragraph) and now do what I can to get under-the-table work on farms or for businesses owned by friends, family, or people in the community who only need a little help. I do this because it's near impossible to get a business loan (yes I have tried multiple times) and I also do this so I can eat, pay rent, and most importantly, to pay as little in taxes as possible. It may sound "un-american" to some, but the reality is if we do not have the choice to pay our own taxes (the government grabs that money before I get my paycheck and before I have the chance to invest it) nor do we as individuals have any say on what our tax money is spent on, then why do we encourage this corruption? The answer is simple, it's because we have to...it's because we as individuals have little to no recourse w/o sacrificing the time we would normally spend w/ loved ones, to fight the battle that most of us cannot afford to fight.

I am 28 years old and I have been consistently employed since I was 14 years old (not including the paper routes I worked since I was 7 or 8 yrs old). I do not own a house or have children, but I do pay rent and health insurance WAS provided to me from my employer at no cost to me (until the "Affordable Care Act" gave my employer the excuse they needed to shift that burden onto their employees) and I am 100% debt-free. Yet, my "neighbor" has 4 children, owns a house, and only has one person in the family who is working earning a minimum wage salary!! How can this be? Oh yeah, they were on section 8 housing up until they somehow got a home loan, they're still collecting food stamps, are on state insurance, and I am quite certain that the "domestic engineer" (the BS PC way of saying stay-at-home mom) is collecting some other form of welfare or SSDI...It's downright pathetic.

So in an effort to shorten up what could be a very long ventilation of years of frustration, I work hard for a decent salary and cannot get ahead, while the people who made decisions which led them into situations in which they cannot financially support themselves, are rewarded from the state by the fruits of my labor (and yours). It is bullshit (pardon the vulgarity, but I feel it's not only appropriate in this context, but also integral in aptly communicating my emotion on the subject at hand)...

So in light of all of that, the question I'm left asking myself is why should I go to work? Why should I trade my time for currency only to go nowhere, when I can instead choose to do nothing, have a bunch of kids, and let the state pay for me to live well beyond comfortably? Not to say that I am going to, but as days pass, it may end up being the only sensible option. I do not want my money going towards propping up the lazy people anymore. Why can't people have the option to choose what their tax money goes to and everyone else who is too consumed to care

can let their money be spent the way the government wants?? That seems pretty fair, wouldn't you say?

That is what happens when we incentivize laziness. That is what happens when society provides excuses for individuals to not aspire. That is what happens when our government and state employees take enormous wages to further their own agenda, which is supported by socio-economic climate that they have created and the dependencies that stem from that.

As I said before, I no longer work my \$43,000/yr job although I do not, nor have I ever, collected unemployment, SSDI, Welfare, or any other hand-out from the dependency-generator that some may refer to as the CT State Government. Our government is a joke, and sadly that is a reflection of the majority of our population. I proclaim this from a totally unbiased perspective because as far as I can tell, neither major party (Democrat/Republican) has effectively demonstrated that they're looking out for the interests of the people. The public are simply pawns in a game that most are not equipped to understand, primarily due to the fact that most people are convinced that they're not capable of having anything to do with politics. Most people just want to live happy lives and, unfortunately, the result of this is individuals perpetuating the illusion of their happiness while their livelihood is swindled out from underneath them.

It's sickening, to say the least.

All of that being said, I thank whomever may have taken the time to read thru this unorganized and scatterbrained rant. And even though I did not directly address anything specific that is targeted in the bill, I hope the sentiment of my concerns resonates to the point where it can be utilized to combat this bill. I also would like to thank the Senate and House Republican Members of the Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee for holding the public hearing (Democrats must be gaining a lot from this bill to try to slide it in behind the backs of the CT people) as well as the Yankee Institute for calling my residence and bringing this to my attention.

Good luck with this, although any success in your efforts here are the equivalent of a miniature bandage on a gaping head wound, I still hope you can pull through...It would be a very small step away from the wrong direction. I doubt anyone will even see this email prior to the hearing - I hope I can make it there...

If you wish to contact me back you can try to reply to this email, although I will probably not see it. I did not include my name because my name is not important. I guess the best bet to get a hold of me would be to make a headline out of it, good or bad, because that is where I invest most of my attention.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,  
Someone who just wants to be happy