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Sen. Markley: Ban the Retroactive Tax

Hartford, CT – Senator Joe Markley (R-Southington), one of the anti-income tax organizers of the 1990's, has written a letter to the chair of the Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee asking for a ban on any retroactive tax.

"I think it would be a comfort for people to know that they are not going to get ambushed like they did last year," said **Sen. Markley**.

The Democratically-controlled legislature and Gov. Dannel P. Malloy raised income taxes last year. Those higher rates took effect last Aug. 1. However, the increases were made retroactive to Jan. 1, 2011.

"Taxpayers were calling me saying that couldn't be legal. Families and businesses which had budgeted for the year found themselves dealing with a double whammy: higher taxes collected at an accelerated rate," **Sen. Markley** said.

In his letter to the Finance Chair, Sen. Markley wrote: *Like our taxpayers, the state should create a budget and live within it, not resorting to double dipping of retroactive taxation to make our own ends meet.*

The tax reach back period ended on December 31. The retroactive tax caused confusion for both employees and employers, including the State of Connecticut – which miscalculated people's paychecks.

Sen. Markley is hopeful the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee will give his legislation a public hearing, so taxpayers can voice their opinions. The tax-writing committee is scheduled to start raising legislation February 24.

(Attached Sen. Markley's Letter to the Committee)

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The Honorable Eileen Daily
Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee
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Dear Senator Daily,

Because individual members may only propose bills of a financial nature this year, I would like to request that the Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee raise a bill to prohibit the retroactivity of any new or increased tax.

It is an unfair practice to increase or add to the tax burden of our residents, and apply it retroactively. People create budgets and try to live within them for the year. Retroactive taxes have an unfair impact on such budgeted plans.

Like our taxpayers, the state should create a budget and live within it, not resorting to double dipping of retroactive taxation to make our own ends meet.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Joe Markley
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16th District