## Testimony for the Republican "No New Taxes" Hearing Monday, May 11, 2015

## Raise Revenue to Restore the Cuts

My name is Eileen Healy, I live in Woodbury, CT and I support raising revenues that will restore the budget cuts. I support the tax package as it was passed in Finance. I also support restoring funding for independent living centers along with many other disability related services and supports.

I'm certainly not an expert on the tax. BUT, it is **unconscionable** to even consider balancing the state's budget by eliminating critical services and supports to children, elders and people with disabilities, among other vulnerable populations. Cutting these critical services is short-sighted and will increase state spending in other ways including institutionalization (Medicaid) and unemployment, and that will far outweigh the initial savings acquired through cutting services.

I'm willing to pay more taxes to ensure that CT citizens have access to the services and supports they need to live in Connecticut. I implore you to restore the cuts through a fair and adequate budget.

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